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A Happy Easter to all our readers

Health Beauty & fitness

Row breaks out over the future of Ystradowen pub

A row has broken out in Ystradowen over the future of the village pub – the Meadow Vale – after a group of residents started a petition to oppose a planning application to build a home on land behind the pub.

The residents' group sees it as the first step to turning the pub into housing, but the angry co-owners told The GEM that they had no intention of doing so.

The pub was for many years known as The White Lion, but it has had a chequered history over the last 15 years or so, with a number of different landlords failing to make a go of it.

It seemed as if a new era was dawning when co-owners Paul Jones and Keith Griffiths bought the building. The frontage was remodelled and Mr Jones told The GEM that they had invested more than £200,000 in total, putting in a new kitchen, heating, lighting, and a new toilet block with a disabled toilet.

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Telephone box gets a new look for Easter

WITH a 'spring' in their steps, St Hilary residents Caroline Neudegg and Monica Dennis have given the village telephone box a makeover to celebrate Easter.

As well as being decorated on the outside, there will be some Easter treats inside for village children to enjoy over the Easter weekend.

The St Hilary telephone box was adopted in 2018 and after receiving a coat of paint it has been used to commemorate Remembrance Day and to celebrate Christmas. As well as being used to advertise village events, there is a map of where houses are sited in the village (useful for delivery drivers) and there are maps of local walks for those who enjoy rambling around the local countryside.

Work starts on old cattle sheds

AT the Cowbridge Charter Trust cio AGM in the Cowbridge Lesser Hall next Wednesday, April 24, there will be a full update on the removal of the cattle sheds, along with information on disruptions in the area during the work.

The AGM is open to the general public who are welcome to attend. Doors open at 7.10pm for 7.30pm.

See page 6 for more details on this project.

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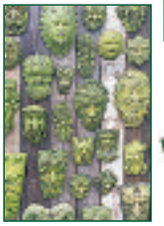

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Barry church is "overwhelmed by good wishes and offers of help"

This was just part of the damage to the churchyard wall - repairs could cost in excess of £4,000.

THANK you very much indeed for the generous coverage The Glamorgan GEM gave to the story of the vandalism of Merthyr Dyfan churchyard wall.

I have been overwhelmed by all the good wishes and offers of help I have received from members of the public.

It has restored my faith in human nature!

Some have expressed surprise at the high cost of the repairs. This is because the church and wall form part of a listed, medieval building. We are required by law to use specific materials, and the work has to be supervised by an architect, and undertaken by a specialist firm.

I have responded with thanks to all well-wishers who have contacted me where I have been able to. In some cases people have forgotten to leave their phone numbers. So please allow me to thank them through The GEM.

Fr Robert Parrish,
Team Vicar at
Merthyr Dyfan

'Do you remember Walter from Barry?'

VLADAS Nemanis, also known as Walter, was born in Lithuania in 1912 and served in the British Merchant Navy, rising to the position of bosun.

He settled in Barry Island and married local girl Mildred Ellen Nicholas in 1950. He became a British citizen on May 10, 1954 and later made his living taking people out for sea fishing trips in his boat.

He was a local character and great storyteller, and is thought to have been a war hero. Walter died in 1990 at the age of 78.

Do you remember Walter, or know more about his story?

If so, I would be delighted to hear from you. Contact me on *suerowbotham22@gmail.com.*

Sue Rowbotham,
Vale of Glamorgan.

'Stop wasting our money'

EVERYTHING is tax, income tax, death tax, gaming tax, council tax, water tax, value added tax etc.

Where will this all end? It is already causing misery for many people on a national level. When you look at it on a local level, it even seems worse.

Here in the Vale, for example, council tax has risen by 32 per cent in the last seven years, which includes the most recent hike of 4.9 per cent. In the same period, state pension has risen by a meagre 17 per cent.

Services are being cut because the council claim they are on a tight budget and money is short. That's all well and good, but households are on an even stricter budget and in some cases, many have to rely on foodbanks to survive.

Householders do not waste money on silly unworkable projects, but councils can waste millions, run short and then hit the taxpayer by increasing the rate of tax to cover their self-inflicted shortfall.

Their idea of providing a service always seems to end up costing the taxpayer more than we can reasonably afford. Speaking to a local businessman recently, he said that if he ran his business to the same level of efficiency displayed by the council, he would be bankrupt within a month.

We are the cash cows, and the councils are the milk maids.

The recent car parking charge proposals are a typical example of the council's careless latest strategy which, if allowed to continue, will eventually price people out of their homes and towns and out of business.

The message to all councils is quite simple: "If you want to save money, then please stop wasting ours."

Barrie Evans,
Barry First Group.

Vale council officers' salaries

WHILE not up to the standard of Slough, which paid one of its council officers nearly £600,000, GEM readers might be interested to know how the Taxpayers' Alliance says the Vale Council's most senior officers are paid:

Managing Director: salary £129,690, pension £29,958, total £159,648, undisclosed £127,500.

Director of Environment and Housing Services: salary £98,848, pension £22,834, total £121,682, undisclosed £112,500.

Director of Learning and Skills: salary £89,442, pension £20,661, total £110,103, undisclosed £107,500.

Head of Finance: salary £84,803, pension £19,590, total £104,393.

Head of Legal Services: salary £84,803, pension £19,590, total £104,393.

Head of Human Resources: salary £84,803, pension £19,590, total £104,393.

The total spend on salary is £919,889; pensions £132,223 and the total spend is £1,052,112.

The Prime Minister gets £154,000 and MPs £80,000.

R Bradshaw,
Cowbridge.

An answer to school funding argument?

IN his column (GEM, April 11) Rt Hon Alun Cairns raises the point of funding from the Welsh Assembly to the schools in the Vale and that he is working on a cross-party approach to tackling the issue.

He has another route that he can take.

As Secretary of State for Wales, he sits with Her Majesty's Government at the most senior level, Cabinet Office. He sits with the Chancellor of the Exchequer and could therefore raise, formally, the amount of money that the Welsh Assembly receives and campaign at a senior level for an increase in budget and a ring fencing for education by the Welsh Assembly.

By this method, he could ensure that the Welsh Assembly receives more funding from Government and therefore they could then feed that down to all schools in Wales, not just the Vale.

So, Mr Cairns, can you please let us know when you have raised this matter with the Chancellor and what is the outcome?

Charles Allen,
Llantwit Major.

Vale's transport problems need a solution

I READ the residents of the Ely Valley's protests against the M4 link road with sadness and frustration at the impossible positions the Vale Council has put them in following the consultation.

I cannot imagine living with the feeling of stress and loss of control of one's life that must cause.

I have written to The GEM previously, supporting the urgent need for road improvements for drivers in the Barry area, especially given that residential and industrial growth is continuing apace. One of two things is inevitable: traffic congestion - already a daily problem in Barry - and the resulting damage to our environment, or improvements on the roads.

Could the council tell us why it is so hard for them to put forward a proposal that doesn't involve chopping, battering and bulldozing through Pendoylan, and thus get a plan approved without years of (rightful) local opposition? Considerate, sustainable development is rare in this county and indeed in much of the UK, so could we take this opportunity to be better?

Owen Kendrick,
Barry.

New road will cause further congestion

I AM writing to the residents of Cowbridge and surrounding Vale villages to make everyone aware of the proposed road from J34 of the M4 to the A48 at Sycamore Cross.

As you are likely to know, the traffic currently travelling during the rush hours to and from Cowbridge and beyond is very heavy and prolonged due to congestion at Culverhouse Cross.

If the road proposal goes ahead, this shall only become more excessive as traffic currently held up at J34/33 will see it as an alternative route into Cardiff, but actually no gain shall be made as the bottleneck at Culver will be just as bad – albeit at different pinch points.

This excessive traffic travelling through the unspoilt Ely valley will also increase pollution – both noise and environmental, damage the ecology and more importantly, Vale residents will lose a valuable green space forever; one that is regularly used for walking and cycling and other healthy activities.

I would urge anyone who may be opposed to this road proposal for the above reasons, and also due to the excessive cost of the scheme, whose money could be better spent on essential services which are under severe strain, to lodge their complaint with the Vale Council.

Joanna Huddart,
Pendoylan

Why has Wales not had council tax freeze?

LLYR Gruffydd has recently trumpeted the fact that tax raising powers have now been devolved to the Welsh Assembly (GEM letters, April 4) as though we should all be delighted with this change.

I wonder what happened to the referendum we were promised to decide if further powers should be devolved?

I also wonder what happened to the money given by central government to Wales for several years for the purpose of freezing council tax rates?

England enjoyed years of no increase while we in Wales endured increase year on year. I fear the new powers don't bode well for Welsh taxpayers in the future.

The temptation to raise additional revenue from us will be irresistible.

J Matheson,
Cowbridge

HIGH TIDE TIMES
(UNTIL APRIL 25)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
18 Thur	06.28	9.9	18.55	10.0
19 Fri	07.16	10.3	19.41	10.5
20 Sat	07.59	10.4	20.19	10.4
21 Sun	08.42	10.3	20.58	10.2
22 Mon	09.19	10.0	21.38	9.8
23 Tues	09.57	9.7	22.14	9.5
24 Wed	10.34	9.1	22.53	9.0
25 Thurs	11.12	8.5	23.34	8.3

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Mayor's year coming to an end - but there is still plenty to do!

by Cllr Terry Williams, Mayor of Cowbridge

SPRING has sprung and my year as Mayor is almost at an end.

Over recent weeks we have been busy with the usual council meetings and community engagements.

On March 1 we supported the charity coffee morning hosted by Cath Thomas and Merched y Wawr, followed by a barn dance in Atlantic College, St Donat's to raise money for The Vale for Africa charity.

On March 2 we hosted our own Mayor's St David's Day+1 coffee morning with entertainment supplied by the choir Meibion y Machlud. An evening dinner with the Monday Gateway Club was a great occasion enjoyed by all. A special thank you to Emily, our host for the evening and to all the volunteers who give up their time and energy to provide a fun-packed programme for people with learning disabilities throughout the year.

We also attended a performance of *The Ruby Slipper* by the High Voltage Drama Company in Dinas Powys, a drama group for people with learning disability and it was great to see Emily again on stage taking an enthusiastic part in the production.

We attended the Cwlwm Celtaidd event in Porthcawl and supported a Fairtrade breakfast hosted by AM Jane Hutt.

Madeline's Project, aimed at helping those with dementia and carers, was held in the Bear Hotel, where a range of organisations were able to promote the advice and support available. It was good to be there to hear first hand the exciting things that are happening.

It was a pleasure to open the U3A event in the lesser hall which promoted the wide range of activities on offer through the organisation. We signed up as new members and are looking forward to attending and taking part in some of the events and activities.

New fitness equipment was placed in the Bear Field, and it was good to be able to officially open this small trail which offers some healthy exercise opportunities.

At the beginning of this month we held the Mayor's Ball in the St Quentin's Suite, to raise money for our nominated charities. Local traders and businesses were very supportive, and we would like to thank them for their contributions to the raffle prizes.

Our thanks to a group of very talented musicians from Cowbridge Comprehensive School which provided the pre-dinner jazz music which was warmly appreciated by everyone. Also, we would like to say a big thank you to those who attended the Ball and were very generous in their support.

It was good to see the Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan and some fellow councillors from Cowbridge and across the Vale in attendance.

I look forward to my last few weeks as Mayor before handing over to the next Mayor on May 21.

MAE'R gwanwyn wedi dod ac mae fy mlwyddyn fel maer bron ar ben.

Dros yr wythnosau diwethaf rydym wedi bod yn brysur gyda'r cyfarfodydd arferol y Cyngor ac ymrwymiadau cymunedol.

Ar Fawrth 1af Cefnogwyd y bore coffi elusennol a drefnwyd gan Cath Thomas a Merched y Wawr ac wedyn mynychu dawns ysgubor yng Ngholeg yr Iwerydd St Donat i godi arian i elusen y Fro yn Affrica.

Ar yr ail o Fawrth cawsom bore coffi y maer ein hunain - Dydd Gwyl Dewi+1 gydag adloniant gan gôr Meibion y Machlud. Roedd cinio gyda'r nos gyda Chlwb Gateway yn achlysur arbennig a fwynhawyd gan bawb. Diolch yn arbennig i Emily ein gwesteiwr am y noson ac i'r holl wirfoddolwyr sy'n rhoi o'u hamser a'u hegni i ddarparu rhaglen lawn hwylus i bobl ag anableddau dysgu drwy gydol y flwyddyn.

Buom hefyd yn bresennol mewn perfformiad o The Ruby Slipper gan gwmni drama 'High Voltage' yn Ninas Powys, grŵp drama i bobl ag anabledd dysgu ac roedd yn wych gweld Emily eto ar lwyfan yn cymryd rhan frwdfrydig yn y cynhyrchiad.

Buom yn bresennol yn nigwyddiad Celtaidd cwlwm ym Mhorthcawl a cefnogi brecwast masnach deg a gynhaliwyd gan Jane Hutt.

Braf oedd cael bod yng ngwesty Y Bear i glywed am prosiect Madelaine sydd wedi'i anelu at helpu y rhai â dementia a gofalwyr. Roedd y sesiwn wedi'i mynychu gan ystod o sefydliadau sy'n gallu darparu cyngor a chymorth. A braf hefyd i glywed yn uniongyrchol am y pethau cyffrous sy'n digwydd.

Roedd yn bleser cael agor y digwyddiad gan U3A a gynhaliwyd yn y neuadd leiaf i hyrwyddo'r ystod eang o weithgareddau a oedd ar gael drwy'r sefydliad. Ymrwymon ni fel aelodau newydd ac rydym yn edrych ymlaen at fynychu a chymryd rhan mewn rhai o'r digwyddiadau a'r gweithgareddau.

Mae offer ffitrwydd newydd wedi cael ei roi ym maes y Y Bear ac roedd yn dda gallu agor yn swyddogol y llwybr bach hwn, sy'n cynnig rhai cyfleoedd ymarfer corff iach.

Ar ddechrau'r mis hwn cynhaliom Ball yn stafell St Quentin i godi arian i'r elusennau a enwebwyd gennym. Mae masnachwyr a busnesau lleol wedi bod yn gefnogol iawn, a hoffwn ddiolch iddyn nhw am eu cyfraniadau i'r gwobrau raffl.

Hefyd hoffwn roi ein diolch i grŵp o fyfyrwyr talentog iawn o'r Ysgol gyfun a darparwyd gerddoriaeth cyn cinio a werthfawrogwyd yn gynnes gan bawb. Hefyd, hoffem ddweud diolch yn fawr i'r rhai a fynychodd y Ball a oedd hefyd yn hael iawn eu cefnogaeth.

Yr oedd yn dda gweld Arglwydd Raglaw De Morgannwg a rhai o gyd-gynghorwyr o'r Bont-faen ac ar draws y Fro yn bresennol.

Edrychaf ymlaen at fy wythnosau olaf fel maer cyn trosglwyddo'r awenau I'r maer nesaf ar yr 21ain o Fai.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

News and views from Nancy Davidge, Tynewydd, Llangan. 01656 860303.

News from Llangan School

THE pupils have enjoyed a Health and Wellbeing Week, from April 8-12.

Pupils tried golf at Bridgend Golf, Pilates, Tai Chi and aerobics.

They also enjoyed a 'Wellbeing Wednesday' with their friends at Tarmac, which consisted of outdoor learning with storytelling and a sensory walk, making dreamcatchers and also seed planting.

There was an air of excitement at the school on my weekly visit on Friday, April 12, and on enquiring why, it was the last day of term and an Easter egg raffle had been organised by the Friends of Llangan School.

A big thank you to Mel, the school secretary, for all the school news through the past term.

St Mary Hill Church

THE Easter Day service will be held on Sunday, April 21 at 7.30am with the officiating cleric Rev David Boult.

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Venue receives upgrade as part of improvements

BONVILSTON Reading Room has become the first community venue in the Vale of Glamorgan to benefit as part of the upgrade of nearby Five Mile Lane.

Cllr Thomas, Cllr Bird and representatives from Alun Griffiths at Bonvilston Reading Rooom.

The car park at the well-used community centre has been completely resurfaced by contractor Alun Griffiths as part of an agreement negotiated by the Vale Council. The work was undertaken at the request of local councillor and cabinet member for regeneration and planning, Cllr Jonathan Bird.

Under the terms of the contract to deliver the new Five Mile Lane scheme, the contractor is also required to provide community benefits through smaller scale local construction work and by offering training opportunities.

Cllr John Thomas, Leader of the Vale Council, said: "Bonvilston Reading Room is a much valued local facility and so it is great to have been able to play a part in its improvement. The new car park will make it more welcoming and accessible and we hope will lead to even more people coming through the doors."

Paul Fisher, chair of the Reading Room Committee, said: "Our users have been eagerly awaiting this new development, which is a great improvement. These works also continue the aim of the Reading Room Committee to provide a first class facility for the community of Bonvilston.

"Thanks also to Mike Miller, a resident of Bonvilston, in carrying out the preparatory groundworks ahead of the resurfacing. With construction of the new Five Mile Lane now entering its latter stages, similar community projects are now being identified."

The Five Mile Lane Improvements Project aims to improve safety along the existing road between the A48 Sycamore Cross junction to the Weycock Cross in Barry. The scheme involves a combination of improvements including construction of a new road that bypasses the winding central section of the existing road, a new bridge and combined footway and cycleway, and a safe crossing for equestrian users. When opened, the new road will have a 60mph speed limit from Sycamore Cross to the Welsh Hawking Centre.

The existing road will remain open after the scheme is completed to provide local access and as a safer route option for pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists.

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LOCAL VALE LAW FIRM WINS TOP UK AWARD
'SUCCESS STARTS WITH A GREAT TEAM'

Catherine Hartland & Alexandra Jenkins

Local Barry Law firm attended the prestigious Modern Law Awards in Manchester on Thursday 31January 2019 and were the only law firm from Wales to reach the finals, the only law firm to be finalists in more than 2 awards, and the only law firm to come away with three awards.

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Pupils design artwork for new development

NEW artwork has been unveiled at Redrow Homes' St David's Meadow development in Colwinston after local artist David Mackie collaborated with children at the neighbouring St David's Church in Wales Primary School to produce the masterpiece.

The public art, which has taken two years to make, is made up of designs created by the pupils after David visited their school for a series of workshops and incorporated their artistic ideas into the finished article.

The owls, hares and ferns in the artwork represent the wildlife in the development's surrounding fields, which are home to an abundance of nature.

The circles and triangles meanwhile, symbolise local burial chambers from 4,000 years ago that contained arrowheads.

Sarah Edwards, planning manager at Redrow South Wales said: "We absolutely love the new artwork at St David's Meadow. It really fits in with the surrounding landscape, so we want to say thank you to David and the children at St David's Church in Wales Primary School for coming up with such innovative and beautiful designs.

"It was great to see the children having so much fun unveiling the piece of art and we hope it has provided them with great memories."

David Mackie said: "It has been great working on this project and also being able to involve the local children as I know they enjoyed the workshops and seeing the final product at the end. I hope that the artwork provides those living at the development with much joy for years to come."

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U3A enjoy Adventures In Ink with Trevor

AT its recent monthly meeting, Cowbridge U3A was fortunate to welcome as the guest speaker the reporter, broadcaster and author Trevor Fishlock.

He has worked as a foreign correspondent for The Times and The Daily Telegraph, reporting from more than 70 countries, and has written and broadcast programmes for radio and television including the popular *Fishlock's Wild Tracks* for HTV.

Trevor was born in Hereford and now lives in Cardiff, but his first job, aged 16 for which his father bought him a new suit, was as a cub reporter on a Portsmouth newspaper. It was here, in an office full of typewriter clatter and cigarette smoke, that he learned to type and to perfect his written English.

Early in his employment he interviewed Eric and Susan Hiscock after one of their circumnavigations of the globe in their yacht *Wanderer III*. Painted over the cabin door was the Arthur Ransome motto: 'Grab a chance and you won't be sorry for a might-have-been', which Trevor claims inspired his own career.

The Times appointed him as 'foreign' correspondent for Wales and one of his first articles was on the nicknames of Welsh people, which even then were dying out, such as Dai Bread (a baker), Dai Up and Down (a man with a bad leg), Dai Drop (a former paratrooper) and Dai the Knife (a carpet fitter).

The audience was regaled with snippets from his travels as a journalist to a multitude of countries, from tea on the terrace with novelist Daphne du Maurier, to tea in India with a notorious bandit queen who had become an MP (and was later shot dead on her doorstep).

The now-canonised Mother Teresa of Calcutta answered his questions patiently and then informed him: "Even a journalist can do the work of the Lord".

Trevor told the story of flying to the USA on a trip to drum up trade with a group of Welsh businessmen and a Welsh choir, where the passengers had a collection for the pilot raising £42.

When he covered the Grenada War he had to shuttle backwards and forwards to Barbados every day, hitching lifts on US Army planes, to file his reports.

Trevor then spent time in Australia and South Africa and later, three years in Moscow working for The Daily Telegraph. In the Gorbachev era travel was easier, but Trevor was told by a Russian in the corridor of a train that the country would never really change, as the vast army of bureaucrats had too much to lose. Prophetic words indeed!

He met John Ridgeway, the adventurer and sailor who invited him to join him on a 'little trip', sailing from Cape Town through the 'Roaring Forties' of the South Atlantic to Melbourne. It was here that he learned that the best way to dry wet socks is to put them under your armpits overnight. Sound advice.

The biggest change over his time as a journalist, he noted, was that people laughed a lot more in their daily work then than they do now; newsrooms are much quieter places. That is perhaps true of many professions, as targets, pressures and stresses seem to have precluded all fun from the workplace.

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Call for community groups to apply for funding as Scouts receive £17,000

THE Vale Council is appealing for community groups in Cowbridge to come forward with proposals for new community facilities or refurbishments to those that they already manage.

1st Cowbridge Scout Group was recently awarded £16,950 from the council's 'Strong Communities' grant fund to pay for a new roof, storage area and a complete redecoration of the hall, as well as new tools and equipment.

With the council due to receive £200,000 of funding as part of the S106 planning agreement linked to the new housing development to the north-east of the town, local councillors have called for expressions of interest from third sector organisations, sports and community groups and voluntary groups working in the Cowbridge area.

Cllr Hunter Jarvie, Deputy Leader of the council and a ward member for Cowbridge, said: "In recent years, the Vale Council has become adept at not only securing significant amounts of money via S106 agreements, but also at working with local communities to put these to the best use. This is a way of working we now want to use to maximum effect in Cowbridge."

Pete Gardner of the Scout group said: "Successful fundraising is key to the sustainability of our group. For example, we spend one month each year building and decorating wooden reindeer and snowmen which are sold at the Christmas reindeer parade. Part of the grant we have received will be used to purchase our own tools and equipment, so we are no longer reliant on borrowing these from parents.

"The rest of the money will be spent on improvements to the Scout hall. Applying for the grant was really straightforward and the council's economic development team were on hand to help us at each stage in the process."

Any community, voluntary or third sector group operating in the Vale can apply for funding via the Strong Communities Grant Fund. Initial expressions of interest can be made by contacting the Strong Communities Grant team on 01446 704636 or by email to scgfapplicatons@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Once these expressions of interest have been received, they will be considered, and if eligible, the council will invite these groups to come forward with a full application.

Celebrating 50 years of dance in Cowbridge

A COWBRIDGE ballet school will be celebrating its 50th birthday in July – marking 50 years of introducing young people to dance.

It was in April 25, 1969, that the Moya Vahey School of Russian Classical Ballet started with just a few pupils. However, because it was the only Russian Ballet school in Wales numbers quickly multiplied.

Over the last 50 years many pupils have gone to vocational ballet schools and had careers on the stage. Others have benefited from the Russian training and gone on to appreciate the arts, and some have trained to become teachers of the Legat system of Russian ballet. There are far too many to name them all.

For over 40 years, Nic Treharne played the piano for classes and performances. She has now retired and is greatly missed.

On July 20, a celebration performance will take place in The Sony Theatre, Bridgend College, Cowbridge Road, Bridgend. Tickets on sale from ticketsource.co.uk. Many former pupils will dance and we hope that many more will will be there just to say, "Hello".

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Row over local pub

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It was reopened in October 2017 as the Meadow Vale, with new tenants running the venture, but they failed to make it work and in November 2018, the co-owners repossessed it.

The building has not reopened since and this, together with the planning application for a house behind the pub, has sparked the residents' concerns.

However, the co-owners are fiercely denying that they have any intention of doing so.

Paul Jones told The GEM that when he found out about the petition, he was so angry and upset that he couldn't sleep that night.

He said: "We are outraged by this campaign, and by the things being said on social media. When we bought the pub in 2016, it had been closed for years, and we then spent £200,000 on its refurbishment.

"Before that, numerous landlords had come and gone, with a number citing lack of support from the villagers.

"We now find ourselves on the end of a campaign by villagers – many of whom probably bought a new house built recently on a greenfield site in the village, and they are now trying to stop us building a home to live in."

He said that since the business had been returned to them, they had been working hard to get the interior back up to standard, and that they planned to reopen when that, and legal matters relating to the repossession, had been completed.

The GEM spoke to a member of the residents' campaign, who said that the new house, if approved, would mean that the pub's beer garden would not be used again.

He said that villagers could see down the road in Aberthin that there were two thriving village pubs, and that Ystradowen should not lose its pub.

Mr Jones told The GEM that insurance problems with the beer garden, which was reached by steep steps, had led them to close it, and that improvements to the frontage would mean people could sit outside there instead.

This argument has not impressed the campaign group, who told The GEM that reopening with a dwelling behind, rather than a beer garden, would be a step towards turning the pub into housing. The spokesman said that more than 300 people had now signed the petition.

However, Mr Jones has said that he and Mr Griffiths had no intention of keeping it closed.

He added that the co-owners felt that statements posted on the internet could be detrimental to local businesses and were one reason that some businesses were closing and not being saved.

Club plan for a busy year

LLANTWIT Major Probus Club's recent meeting was held on April 9 in Illtud's 216.

The meeting was opened by the president, who advised members of a short committee meeting held earlier in which trips for this year were discussed. Members were then asked for a show of hands in favour of a day at the Bristol Aerospace Museum in Filton and the National Trust gardens and house at Tyntesfield. Costings and dates would be available for the May meeting.

One of the members, Rev David Brunning had written a book covering the history of the parish magazine from 1947 to 1971, and a book launch is being held on Sunday, April 28 at 11.30am in St Illtud's Church.

The speaker was Keith Niblett, who gave a talk supported by a slide show about his time stationed in Singapore with the RAF in 1964. Unfortunately, technical problems meant he had to finish earlier than anticipated, so the president invited him to go on next year's speakers' list so members can look forward to Singapore Part 2.

The vote of thanks was given by Jeffrey Robinson, who praised Keith for continuing his talk despite the difficulties encountered.

The raffle was won by Matthew James.

Next month, the speaker will be one of the physiotherapists from Therapy Works based in Llantwit Major.

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Barry War Museum's Book Fest

BARRY War Museum will host a Book Fest on Easter Saturday, April 20 bringing together local authors, publishers, scriptwriters and an award-winning film maker at this free event.

Do you enjoy ghost stories or science fiction – or prefer to lose yourself in a romantic novel? Writers of thrillers, comedy, horror and local interest will all be on hand; renowned military historians will attend with their published works on World War One and World War Two - true stories of local lads who went to war.

There will be children's authors too – all happening from 11am–3.30pm on Easter Saturday at The Old Railway Station, Barry Island. The steam or vintage trains will be running, the café open for refreshments and Barry War Museum will be open from 11am–3.30pm over all four days of the Easter weekend. Free entrance every day.

Plant sale

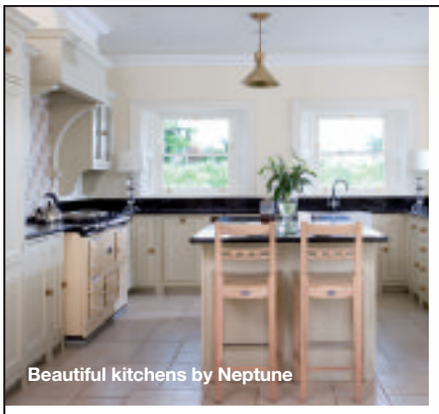
THIS spring brings the opportunity to support our friends in Lesotho at PADLT's annual plant sale May 11.

If you have plants to spare, they can be brought along to Stanwell Baptist Church (Victoria Road end) either on Friday evening, May 10 or early Saturday morning, May 11. Alternatively, they can be collected by contacting Jeremy on 02920 707036.

The sale is on May 11 from 10am–1pm when a range of annuals, perennials, shrubs and vegetables are available. In addition, there will be craft stalls and a selection of delicious cakes to buy. Put the date in your diary and enjoy a morning of gardener's delights, whatever the weather.

Diabetes event

ROB Lee from Diabetes UK will give a talk: 'What Is Your Experience of Diabetes Services?' on Tuesday, May 21 in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth from 7.30pm-9pm; everyone welcome.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YFC tested by competitions

THE YFC County Field Day at Penllyn Estate on Saturday saw great success for Wick YFC members.

All seven clubs within county were out in force; the levels of talent on display were outstanding with Young Farmers once again demonstrating the great camaraderie between the competing clubs.

Leading the way for Wick were Alisha Major and Hollie Jones with a first in the Royal Welsh cookery competition. The girls were absolutely delighted with their win, given such a strong field. The theme this year was a trio of street food using local produce: the girls chose Spain as their country serving paella, pinchitos and churros with a delicious chocolate sauce made using ingredients from Ty Tanglwyst Dairies.

Having researched their dishes quite meticulously, they were able to relay the very close connection to farming with paella, originally farmers' or farm labourers' food, and churros originating from Spanish shepherds working high in the mountains; the dish itself was named after the horns of the Navajo-Churro sheep. It's surprising what

you learn in the YFC movement.

The girls now very much look forward to representing the county again at the Wales finals at this year's Royal Welsh Show in July.

Next up were the senior boys in the fencing competition, led by chairman Alex Edwards, accompanied by last year's chairman James Morgan, and Luke Morgan, who we are delighted has rejoined us following the completion of his studies at Lackham College.

The boys achieved a thoroughly deserved second place having erected a 22m stock proof boundary fence in 2.5 hours. Sadly for us, this is Alex and James' last year as members, having been part of the club for well over a decade and achieved enormous successes. We very much hope they will stay with us in some capacity in the future. However, their year is not quite over yet with Rally Day looming and many more competitions to come.

Alisha and Hollie were joined by Rhianna Jones for the Cube Exhibit competition, gaining another second place, much to their delight.

The theme was 'Children's Television' with the girls choosing Postman Pat. Rhianna made an absolutely superb mosaic of Postman Pat as well as a painting of Jess the cat. At only 11 years old, Rhianna has demonstrated great flair in only her second year, having already achieved success at drama and dance so far this year.

Along with her sister Hollie, she is a great asset. Hollie made a Postman Pat cake with a Pat figurine which we have to say was really quite delicious. Alisha took charge of the floral arrangement and woollen postbox.

The final competition was Fferm Factor, an under-16 competition with Alisha and Hollie gaining another second.

The competition is unknown until the day itself and this year county couldn't have picked a better set of tasks. The girls had to identify different budding branches and also agricultural tools used in bygone years, some dating back 100 years. The girls enjoyed the tasks immensely with the stewards and judges having as much fun at some of their guesses as the teams themselves.

Our girls were intrigued by some of the equipment, having only been used to modern day tools, and were delighted to come second.

We have to thank Gwyneth Thomas, YFC's county organiser and her team of officers/stewards once again for their hard work and commitment in the organisation of Glamorgan YFC, and Mr Homfray, for making the venue available. We know all clubs within county appreciate their efforts enormously, and their ever-approachable personas made Field Day great fun and a huge success.

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Cowbridge can say goodbye to old cattle sheds

WORK has just started on the Cowbridge Charter Trust's latest project, with the first stage the demolition and removal of the old cattle market sheds.

Once the sheds are gone, the highway wall around The Butts will be reduced in height, which will remove the blind corner and open up the area for viewing of the town wall.

The main aim of the project is to expose and restore the remaining length of Grade II* Listed, 13th Century town walls which have been hidden behind the derelict cattle sheds for over a generation.

The new area in front of the town wall will allow for much-needed new car parking for up to an additional 40 spaces.

Funding for the project comes from the Welsh Government's Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, which is funded by the Welsh Government and the European Union. Match funding has come from Vale Council's 'Strong Communities' Fund.

The Trust received full planning consent in October, which was the final hurdle.

In addition, improvements in Old Hall Garden will include a canopy over the children's reading area outside the library and improved signage to help visitors and tourists explore the tranquillity and biodiversity of the garden.

Trust chairman Harry Hailes said: "The Trust would like to thank Creative Rural Communities and the Vale Council for their continued help and support over the three years that this project has been in the making",

"As one of only four walled towns in south Wales, we at the Trust look forward to finally completing the remaining restoration of the town wall and revealing to residents and visitors, that which has been hidden from view for more than half a century".

Cllr John Thomas, Leader of the Vale Council, said: "The efforts of the Cowbridge Charter Trust on the town wall regeneration project have so far been nothing short of tremendous. Historic restoration projects offer great challenges and huge strides have been made to get us to the point where work is now due to begin imminently.

"Cowbridge's conservation area is one of the things that makes the town unique and to have the previously hidden sections of the historic wall revealed to the public will add yet another feature to the area. The Vale Council has supported the Trust from the start and will continue to help however we can".

The Trust and its volunteers have been custodians of the town walls and Old Hall Garden under licence with the Vale Council for nearly 15 years. The garden has recently been awarded a Green Flag for the third year running and this project is seen by the Trust as a major step in the regeneration of Old Hall Garden and its environs.

by Matt Jones,
Cowbridge Charter Trust cio,
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Girl Guides get snapping and vlogging!

THE new Girl Guiding programme has been challenging girls from Wick and St Bride's Major Guide unit to express themselves through photography and vlogging!

Having developed their technical expertise by learning about contrast and colour, aperture setting, shutter speed, etc, they had to take 10 photographs that told a story about themselves or how they felt about the important things in their life.

The results were astounding and the girls displayed the photographs at an exhibition to which they invited parents and family members – everyone was very impressed.

At the same time the girls also learned about vlogging (something that was very new to most of us in the unit!) and five Guides actually set up their own vlog and completed the badge.

Many thanks to Glyn Evans, who helped the girls understand the technical aspects of the photography badge and Julian Horsey, who helped and encouraged everybody with the Vlogging badge.

Report by Shirley Myall
Photograph by Glyn Evans

Stormy Stan sails into craft fair

THE Easter craft fair in Bonvilston on April 6 was a big success, with nearly £800 being raised for Barry Dock RNLI. With over 20 stalls, the sun shining and Stormy Stan paying a visit, it was a great day!

Martyn Bowmer, Coxswain of Barry Dock Lifeboat, thanked everyone who organised, helped and supported and said it was "an amazing result".

RF

A short stay for Lions' book sale

LLANTWIT Major and Cowbridge Lions Club would like to thank everybody who supported their book sale in the area outside Caffe Nero in Cowbridge last Saturday morning.

We raised £88 in the two hours that we were open.

However, we should apologise to those people who arrived in the afternoon expecting a used book sale and found that, despite the lovely weather, we were not there.

Unfortunately we had to pack up and go at about midday.

To be clear, this was nothing to do with Caffe Nero, whom we thank again for their support.

Hopefully, we can return with this popular event to raise funds for charity in the not too distant future.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our Cowbridge May Fair on the Bear Field on Bank Holiday Monday, May 6.

John Andrew for Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club.

Group offers advice

SETTING up a voluntary group or charity can be a daunting affair so the governance team at Glamorgan Voluntery Services (GVS) have developed a resource aimed at simplifying this process: The Governance Primer.

While there are lots of fantastic resources available online to support new and emerging groups, taken together these materials can constitute dozens (if not hundreds) of pages. GVS' aim was to produce a short, easy to follow document to outline the main steps involved, provide some guidance around each one, and link to some high quality supporting documents.

The Governance Primer can be downloaded from *www.gvs.wales/support-for-groups/information-services/governance-primer*.

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'Whatever your background, go follow your dream!' says Soraya

Soraya Kelly delivering one of her motivational sessions at a school in Cardiff.

'FOLLOW your dreams and realise your potential' – that's the message campaigner Soraya Kelly is taking to disadvantaged youngsters in schools in south Wales.

Soraya (49) a mum of four who lives in Rhoose, first made headlines with her #theglovesareon campaign last year. It sought to raise awareness of the importance of early detection of breast cancer and won support from a host of celebrities, sports people and politicians.

That campaign continues, but Soraya, who had a difficult family background growing up, is keen to motivate youngsters today who are in a similar predicament. She has been giving talks to young people in primary and high schools in Cardiff and hopes to bring them to the Vale.

She said: "It's learning about triumph over adversity and that youngsters should never give up on their dreams. We teach them about the importance of having healthy relationships and the benefits of being able to work in a team."

Soraya points out that some young people are facing issues unknown to previous generations – internet safety, online bullying and the threat of serious violence such as knife crime.

She said: "I make a connection with them by telling them about my family background and how I made a success of my life. Children need to hear from real people with real experiences. Kids with a difficult background need to have a voice and we listen to them. My message to them is to be kind, to have courage and to follow their dreams."

Soraya began delivering the sessions in Cardiff in December and is supported by a team of volunteers – Jane Epping, a teacher; Elinor Jenkins, a mental health nurse; Sue Vincent-Jones, a communications expert and a police officer, Seline Ludgison.

Soraya added: "I am now in touch with members of the Armed Forces who are keen to get involved in the project. We are all pulling together for these young people."

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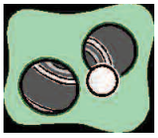

Aimee Evans and her son Arlo collecting in Morrisons, Barry – Marie Curie's youngest supporter at 11 weeks old.

A big thank you from Marie Curie to the Vale

THE Penarth-based charity, Marie Curie, had its annual Great Daffodil Appeal boosted, thanks to the tremendous support of people across the Vale last month.

Collections held in Llantwit Major, Penarth, Cowbridge and Barry raised £11,011 and this will help fund much-needed expert care to people with terminal illnesses, as well as supporting their families.

The charity's biggest annual fundraiser, the Great Daffodil Appeal, takes place every February and March and calls on people to donate and wear one of the charity's iconic daffodil pins.

Hannah Leckie, Marie Curie community fundraiser, based in Penarth, said: "We can't continue to provide the vital care and support needed for people living with a terminal illness without the generous support of the public.

"We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in the local community for helping to raise the funds needed to help make sure more dying people get the care they deserve at the end of their lives. Their generosity means we raised a fantastic amount and saw more people wearing our daffodils."

To find out more about the Great Daffodil Appeal and to help make a difference to people living with a terminal illness and their families, visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil or call free on 0800 304 7025.

PACT meetings in the Vale

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WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

Scrabble Club

THE next meeting of the fortnightly Scrabble Club is on Thursday, April 18 from 2pm to 4pm at the Rhoose Community Library. New players of all abilities most welcome. £2 per person, includes refreshments. Call 01446 710220 for further information.

Cowbridge U3A History Group

THE next Cowbridge U3A History Group meeting will be a talk entitled 'The Medieval Cult of St Christopher' by Professor Madeleine Gray at 10pm on Thursday, April 18 in Cowbridge Town Hall.

Visitors welcome; there is a small fee. See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge for further information.

Rhoose Easter coffee and cake

Call in for coffee, cake and a chat on Easter Saturday, April 20 from 10.30am to 11.30am at Rhoose Community Library. Our grand Easter raffle will be drawn at 11.30am.

Winning Welsh women to help children with cerebral palsy

Arabella's development has progressed, thanks to Bobath Wales.

FROM Barry to Britain's Next Top Model, co-owner of 'Spectrum Collections,' Sophie Pycroft, will be joining BAFTA winning makeup artist Sian Grigg and fashion designer, Abigail Love from designer label 'RAIN Fashion' to support a Welsh children's charity for children who have cerebral palsy.

The women, all from south Wales, will be joining 'A Question of Women 2019,' a chat show panel to share their stories, tips and humour and raise funds for Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales.

Hosted by S4C's Angharad Mair, the event on May 10 will consist of a drinks reception, two-course meal, an exclusive goodie bag for every guest, musical entertainment and a chat show segment with the special guests.

Sisters Sophie and Hannah Pycroft started Spectrum Collections from their garage in Barry, and in less than four years have grown a company that is worth an estimated £12 million.

Sophie said: "I am thrilled to be supporting Bobath Wales, who make a positive difference to the lives of children across Wales who have cerebral palsy."

The Welsh charity, based in Whitchurch, provides specialist therapy and treatment to children across Wales who have cerebral palsy and also helps families with practical advice and emotional support.

Every year, the charity needs to raise £1.5m to keep the centre running and 76 per cent of this income comes from donations: gifts in wills, retail activity and fundraising events.

Arabella is one of the children helped by Bobath Wales.

She was born 10 weeks prematurely and was very poorly at birth. Her parents were told that she had complications with her heart and that she had bleeds on both sides of the brain. After noticing that Arabella was using only her right hand, her parents decided to refer Arabella to Bobath Wales.

Her mother Amanda, said: "When we arrived at Bobath for our first visit, we had mixed emotions. We didn't want Arabella to have any physical disability, but we were immediately put at ease.

"The two physiotherapists who assessed Arabella were incredible and meeting with Glenys, the Family Support Officer was also a huge support. They were able to give us emotional support in addition to giving us an individual programme to work on at home with Arabella."

Since she was referred to Bobath Wales, Arabella has had blocks of specialist therapy, each consisting of five sessions over two weeks, every four months. She has just turned two and is meeting all her milestones and goals set out for her by the therapy team at the Centre.

Amanda added: "The impact that Bobath has had has been huge. With every block of therapy, Arabella's development has progressed greatly. Without Bobath, we really don't think Arabella would be where she is now."

A Question of Women 2019 will take place on May 10 at 7pm in The Cardiff Marriott Hotel. Tickets are £40 each and can be booked online via www.bobathwales.org or by calling the Bobath Wales fundraising team on 09290 522600.

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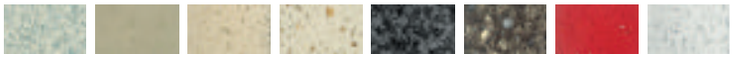

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Education is the key in charity's battle against bowel cancer

APRIL is 'Bowel Cancer Awareness Month' and the charity Bowel Cancer UK has published shock findings which show that almost half of people living in Wales – 47 per cent – cannot correctly identify the large bowel on a diagram.

The charity points out that it is important people know where their large bowel is located to help in the early diagnosis of cancer.

The survey commissioned by Bowel Cancer UK involved 4,000 people from across the UK.

Just over a quarter of Welsh adults (26 per cent) thought their small bowel was their large bowel, a common misconception. The remaining fifth confused their large bowel with their stomach (3 per cent), liver (3 per cent), pancreas (3 per cent) and kidneys (2 per cent), with seven per cent of people having absolutely no idea where their large bowel is.

Willie Hamilton, professor of primary care diagnostics at the University of Exeter Medical School and medical advisor for Bowel Cancer UK, said: "These findings reflect that better education of our anatomy is very important. Not only are patients unaware where their organs are, but terms used to describe them are interchangeable. This makes it very difficult for GPs and patients to communicate effectively together."

Patrick Wymer (54) from Penarth, who has stage 4 bowel cancer, said: "I didn't know where my large bowel was, but perhaps if I had, I'd have made that crucial doctor's appointment earlier.

"In hindsight, I can see that I had already been experiencing two bowel cancer symptoms, unexplained weight loss and looser stools, so if I'd known that the pain I'd started to experience was coming from my large bowel, it would have made explaining my symptoms easier to the doctor. Maybe my cancer could have been detected much earlier when it was easier to treat."

Lowri Griffiths, head of Wales for Bowel Cancer UK, added: "It's crucial that the public understand where their bowel is and how symptoms might affect them so they feel confident speaking to their GP about their symptoms.

"When it comes to bowel cancer, early diagnosis is crucial and therefore a clear conversation with GPs and patients is a key step to ensure they are referred quickly for further tests if needed.

"More than 2,200 people are diagnosed with bowel cancer and 900 people will die of the disease every year in Wales. Being aware of the symptoms and visiting your GP if things don't feel right can help increase chances of an early diagnosis when treatment has the best chance of working."

The symptoms of bowel cancer include: bleeding from your bottom and/or blood in your poo; persistent and unexplained change in bowel habit; unexplained weight loss; extreme tiredness for no obvious reason; a pain or lump in your tummy.

To watch the charity's video 'Where is your large bowel?' go to: https://youtu.be/7BeHuNYoDz0. For more information about bowel cancer, visit: bowelcanceruk.org.uk.

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Quiz Night at Llantwit Major Library

FRIENDS of Llantwit Major Library are holding a Quiz Night on Friday, April 26 from 7pm-9pm, tickets £2 each.

Booking is required; tickets are available from Llantwit Major library. We will be selling wine on the night and there will be a raffle.

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New club aims to help local businesses link up

A NEW forum, the Bridgend and the Vale Business Club (BVBC), has started up recently and meets in the Heronston Hotel, Bridgend, on a Thursday every two weeks.

Club members find the early morning breakfast format works well, and it means that they do not lose any of the working day as a result of the meeting.

However, the ultimate aim is to help each of the members develop their own business by bringing their complementary skills and experience together.

The chair of the business club, Lindsay Roberts, who is an independent financial advisor, told The GEM that the group prized its independence and intended to guard that very carefully.

He said: "We want meetings to be local, personal and relevant to members. As networking groups grow, they inevitably get less personal, so we want the club to have a wide base of different business expertise, but retain the personal touch.

"We have shared values of honesty, integrity and truth."

At the moment, the group is still growing, with members inviting guests along to see how it all works. Meetings are relaxed, and there is no pressure.

However, in the short time they have been meeting, they can already point to significant success as a result of their collaborative approach.

Lindsay said: "Recently, four members of the group were made aware of an office refurbishment scheme, and pooled their skills and submitted a joint tender, which was successful.

"It was a £500,000 contract," he added.

Current members come from Port Talbot in the west as far as Talbot Green, Penarth and Newport, and they all want to emphasise that Bridgend is a good place to do business.

The Bridgend and the Vale Business Club (BVBC) can be contacted by email on TheBVBC@gmail.com

Members and guests at a recent breakfast meeting.

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Tiger Worms help raise funds for Croeso Llantwit!

CROESO Llantwit welcomes everyone to their Plant Fair at Bethel Baptist Hall on Saturday, April 27.

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A special feature will be the legendary 'Liquid Gold': the product of Llantwit's hard-working Tiger Worms. This super Worm Juice is a fabulously nutritious plant food, but supplies are limited, so it's first come, first served!

Keen gardeners will be on hand to try and answer gardening queries, with gardening books and encyclopaedias handy for reference.

Entry is free, and nothing will be priced – donations are invited for Croeso Llantwit.

The event is open from 11am to 3pm, and if you have spare plants or seeds to bring, donations will be accepted from 9am. For donation queries, call 07804 624795.

Croeso Llantwit is working towards making a real difference to a family who have found themselves refugees as a result of the war in Syria.

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Out & About with The GEM

What's on, and where in your area?

Big Screen

BIG Screen's next film for this season is *Widows* (Cert 15) on Thursday, April 18 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

Widows is the story of four women with nothing in common except a debt left behind by their dead husbands' criminal activities. Doors open 7.10pm, tickets £4 (available in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door).

Big Screen is the trading name of the Vale of Glamorgan Film Society, a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers.

Easter Bonnet Parade in Barry

HIGH Street Traders' annual Easter Bonnet Parade takes place on Saturday, April 20.

People of all ages, particularly youngsters, are welcome to take part and encouraged to come wearing Easter bonnets, fancy dress or both.

The meeting point is the Borough Arms, Barry at 11am. There will be the traditional parade up and down High Street, followed by judging and prize giving.

Victorian Fair in Llantwit

STALLS for the Victorian Fair Day in Llantwit Major are going fast.

The event takes place on Saturday, June 22 and Liz Evans of the events committee says: "Stalls are going fast, but there are still some available. If people want to bring their own gazebos we still have spaces left."

To get in touch with organisers, email: victorianfairdaystalls@gmail.com; or Facebook at Llantwit Major events group.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independents will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, April 20 from 9.30am – 11.30am.

Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Messy Easter

FUN Messy Easter activities for all the family at Bonvilston Reading Room on Sunday, April 21 from 2.30pm until 4pm.

The event is free and includes food and refreshments. For further information, call Lee Dutfield on 07784 869020.

Easter at St Lawrence

EASTER at the former St Lawrence Church, Fort Road, Lavernock will be the usual joyful occasion.

Join the congregation on Sunday, April 21 at 3pm for hymns, scripture and poetry readings and a few words on the Resurrection. The building will be decorated handsomely with seasonal flowers and the service will be followed by hot or cold drinks and – no, not Easter eggs, but chocolate sheep.

Parking is free to the left of Fort Road just before the church. Enquiries to 02920 701303.

Highlight Park cuppa with Neighbourhood Watch

WE are open on Easter Monday from 2.30pm to 3.30pm and hope you can join us for a friendly chat and cuppa.

It will be nice to get out, socialise, meet new people and make nice friends. Open to everyone, bring your friends and family too.

Egg hunt

LLANTWIT Major Surf Lifesaving Club is holding an event on Monday, April 22 at 11am at the beach lifeguard hut on Llantwit Major Beach.

There will be an Easter egg hunt, face painting, a 'name the bunny' competition, bacon baps, cakes and hot drinks.

Epilepsy support

EPILEPSY Wales run a monthly outreach support group at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop in Holton Road, Barry.

This will be held on Thursday, April 25 from 10.30am to 12pm. Health care professional Lesley Williams from Epilepsy Wales will be in attendance: find out what is available in your area – support groups and advice. No appointment is needed. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Cowbridge Gardening Club

THE next meeting of the Cowbridge Gardening Club will be the AGM for members in the Lesser Hall at 7pm on Thursday, April 25.

This will be followed by Sue Verran's postponed talk on 'Hedgehogs' at 7.30pm to which visitors are most welcome.

The Morgans of Tredegar

PENARTH Civic Society is holding its AGM at St Augustine's Hall on Thursday, April 25 at 7pm.

All members are invited to attend; there will be reports on the past year, election of officers and an open discussion on the way forward, so to air your opinion on what the society should be doing, come along.

Following the AGM, at 8pm we will welcome Roger James of the National Trust who will give us a presentation on the Morgan Family of Tredegar House. Dallas meets Downton Manor!

Roger will tell us tales of wealth, power, intrigue, valour in battle and introduce us to the family that made the history of Tredegar House, from enterprising industrialists to the odd black sheep of the family. Roger's talk is free to members, non-members £2.

A Wartime Childhood

RHOOSE and District History Society is hosting a talk by Mr John Sheen whose topic is 'Five Boys and a Pasty (memories of a wartime childhood)'.

It takes place on Friday, April 26 at 7.30pm at Rhoose Community Centre. Adults £1 and children 50p.

Tondu-Aberkenfig

TONDU and Aberkenfig Community Association will meet on Wednesday, May 1 at the Parish Rooms, Bryn Road, Tondu at 7pm – all welcome.

We are looking for new members and volunteers who can't commit long term, but are willing to help out with particular professions, skills, knowledge on specific things from time to time (such as planning, development, ecology, lighting, environment, legal, historians, web design, printing) and any local businesses willing to sponsor our newsletter.

Please email: contact@tonduaberkenfigca.co.uk with your skill-set or come along to our quarterly meeting, your community needs you.

Penarth Civic Society go to Tredegar house

A VISIT has been arranged to Tredegar House on Saturday, May 11 at 2pm; meet at Visitor Reception at 1.50pm: pre-booking is essential!

Cost £5 per person, (£7 non-members) with optional afternoon tea afterwards, an additional £5.50 per person. Please note there is an additional entry fee for anyone who is not a National Trust member. Make cheques payable to Penarth Civic Society and send along with your details and contact number to 1 Archer Road, Penarth, CF64 3HW.

This guided tour includes the servant's quarters in the attics, which are not normally open to the general public. We will enjoy an 'Upstairs/Downstairs' tour of Tredegar House to find out more about the Morgan family and their legacy.

If you are able to offer – or need – a lift, contact dave.noble1959@gmail.com or phone 07966 364988.

Twinning relaunch event at Llantonian Hall

LLANTWIT Major Town Twinning Association is hosting a relaunch event at Café Jumelage at Llantonian Hall from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday, May 18.

The association was revived recently after a break of six years.

Llantwit is to continue its twinning arrangement with Le Pouliguen in southern Brittany which first started 30 years ago. The relaunch event is an opportunity for local people to enjoy a French-themed morning (coffee and croissants) and find out how their family or sports club might get involved in twinning events in the future. Entry on the door is £3.

The Bath trip is back!

THE trip to Bath (fondly known as 'The Trip'), is back by popular demand on Saturday, May 18, leaving Llantwit Major at 9am and Bath at 5pm, and will cost £20. For tickets, email julieleah3@hotmail.com or call 07780 475877.

The money raised will go towards the Llantwit Major Christmas committee. A Cowbridge pick up is possible, depending on numbers; and raffle prizes would also be welcome.

'Do your bit, fund our kit'

THE Dinas Powys branch of the RNLI is holding a Mayday Lunch on Tuesday, May 21 at 12.30pm at the Golf Club, Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys.

Lunch will include a carvery (vegetarian option available), dessert and tea/coffee. Entry by ticket only (£14) available from committee members or on 02920 513515 or 02920 513479.

The event, supported by Dinas Powys Golf Club, is part of the nationwide RNLI May Day campaign to raise money to purchase all-weather kit for lifeboat crews.

Take That raffle

THE Friends of Ty Elis are delighted to announce details of their first grand raffle with the first prize four tickets to Take That Greatest Hits live tour at the Millennium Stadium on Saturday, June 8 with many other exciting prizes.

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Friendship Tree Festival

Art4U is set to hold its 10th annual Friendship Tree Festival on Sunday, June 22 and promises that this year will be the best ever.

Organiser and local artist Glyn Pooley, of Art4U says the event will go ahead whatever the weather. "We will feature many local talented musicians, dancers, artists and craftspeople, together with a few guest surprises. Musicians due to perform include the fabulous Barry Brass Band, Pukka Productions, Wayne Brennan, Danielle Nicholls Band, Hank Hillman Band, Juliette Bel-Salter, Steve David, Persian Belles dance group, Bel Blue, Andy Johnson, Ben Dain-Smith, Jack Raymond Garrett, Indian Dance Wales and Porthkerry Community Choir with more to be confirmed. The theme of the festival is 'Nature, Peace and Friendship'. Our aim is to create a gentle event, with a friendly atmosphere".

The event is free and people are encouraged to bring along a blanket and picnic. Donations would be warmly received.

Art4U aims to bring collaborative art to the public of Barry and the Vale. For more information on Art4U and the Friendship Tree Festival, visit the Facebook page @ The Friendship Tree Festival or www.art4uwales.org.uk.

South Wales Aviation Museum open for Easter

HANGAR 872, the home of South Wales Aviation Museum (SWAM) at Picketston Business Park, St Athan is looking ship-shape and Bristol fashion and ready for Easter (Saturday, April 19 to Bank Holiday Easter Monday, April 22).

Although already open for organised visits and educational trips, the Easter weekend marks the launch of the newest museum in south Wales, which is in the process of securing charitable trust status to become a landmark visitor attraction.

The opening hours for SWAM over the Easter weekend are from 10am to 4.30pm, with ample on-site parking. For more information, search for @SouthWalesAviationMuseum on Facebook; visit swam.online/, or call 01446 789787 during office hours.

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Sun. 21st April 10:30am
Followed by tea/coffee & hot cross buns

Author events taking place in Penarth

GRIFFIN Books in Penarth is pleased to announce a series of author events for this spring, including a literary lunch with bestselling author Victoria Hislop.

On Wednesday, May 8 debut author Elizabeth Macneal will be chatting about her historical novel, The Doll Factory, over a cream tea – perfect for those who enjoyed reading The Miniaturist.

On the evening of Wednesday, May 22 bestselling crime writer Elly Griffiths will discuss her latest book The Stranger Diaries, as well as her two popular series featuring Dr Ruth Galloway and Stephens & Mephisto respectively.

To round off the month, Sully resident and University Hospital of Wales intensive care specialist Dr Matt Morgan takes us behind the scenes at the ICU. Dr Morgan will be launching his memoir Critical: Science and Stories From the Brink of Human Life at Penarth Pier Pavilion on the evening of Thursday, May 30.

The Penarth Literature Festival is in June, beginning with a literary lunch with Victoria Hislop on Thursday, June 20. The festival weekend continues until the evening of Sunday, June 23 with the full line-up to be announced shortly.

For full details of Griffin Books events, visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/griffinbooks or contact the shop directly on 02920 706455.

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Out & About with The GEM

Film is anything but Hell, Boy – but it could have been so much better...

THE character of Hellboy first made his big screen debut in Guillermo Del Toro's beautiful Gothic fantasy in 2004.

Starring Ron Perlman as the titular red demon, both the first film and 2008's *The Golden Army* were immensely satisfying slices of comic book fun.

While both director and actor had indicated that they wanted to close out their take on the character with a third and final film, it wasn't to be. However, that hasn't stopped *Hellboy* from coming to the big screen again, this under the direction of Neil Marshall.

Starring *Stranger Things*' David Harbour in the lead, we meet Hellboy as he struggles to find his place in our world, being used as muscle to stop all manner of strange things. However, when the Blood Queen (Milla Jovovich) sets her sights on taking over the world, it's down to Hellboy and the team around him, including Ian McShane's Professor Broom and Daniel Dae Kim's Ben Daimio, to stop her...

It seemed only a matter of time, given mainstream cinema's current obsession with consuming itself and all things comic book, that Hellboy would make a return to the big screen – the question is, without the talents of Guillermo Del Toro and Ron Perlman, would this revised take on the character be up to much?

The answer is 'kind of' – it's a film that shows ambition and a degree of levity, yet feels undone by some weak storytelling, below-par acting and a messy edit that means that while it's a diverting watch, it's not something that has that wow factor.

The boots of Del Toro and Perlman are big ones to fill, but both director Neil Marshall and David Harbour do a decent job.

Marshall's big screen career, which began so brightly with 2004's *The Descent*, may not quite have had the legs, but his small-screen work, which includes helming some of the most visually-ambitious episodes of *Game Of Thrones*, has shown his talent.

Here, while seemingly hampered by a limited budget (some CGI work is pretty poor), he shows a visual verve that's impressive to see and ambitions that exceed the financial resources at his disposal, even if the editing process hasn't been particularly kind, full of jump cuts and moments of logic-defiance.

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There are some set-pieces which are staged well, while he nails the dark humour of the character and the world around him well. It doesn't have the scale of these larger-budget comic book films, but in terms of visual sensibility (and a lust for gore), Marshall gives it a very good go.

Harbour, laden with prosthetics, brings a more laconic feel to the character than Ron Perlman did, and it works well. He captures the essence of the character and brings enough of his own sensibility to make his take stand on its own two feet, and while you wish the story would give him a little more to do than just deal with surface turmoil, Harbour's charismatic turn is very enjoyable.

Around him the performances are a mixed bag; Ian McShane is, as ever, great in the role as Hellboy's surrogate father, sharing a superbly enjoyable chemistry with Harbour, but aside from him, the performances have the distinct aroma of timber.

Both Daniel Dae Kim, as Ben Daimio, and Sasha Lane as Alice, an old friend of Hellboy, are saddled with weak British accents and characters that lack dimension; Daimio's stoicism translates as banality, while Alice's attitude translates to being very annoying, neither actor doing themselves justice.

Milla Jovovich is perfect casting as the villainous Blood Queen – perfect in the sense that if you're on a low-budget and looking for a lacklustre, one-note performance, she's definitely your go-to, although in fairness to her, the character is straight from the pages of 'Villainy For Idiots'.

It's a shame a little more care wasn't taken over the story – it feels like a basic genre template – but the character of Hellboy deserves a lot more and you do feel that there could have been a really good film made here.

Instead, it's one where the minuses just outweigh the positives – it's anything but Hell, Boy, but it could have been so much better.

VERDICT: It's no Guillermo Del Toro/Ron Perlman effort, but this take on *Hellboy* was never intended to be. It stands on its own two feet and has much to enjoy, not least Neil Marshall's direction and the performance from David Harbour as the titular character. However, it's let down by some poor CGI, a clunky plot and limited characterisation. There's the potential for a good film in here somewhere, but sadly it never makes it way to the surface. *Average.*

SEE THIS YOU LIKED: *Hellboy* (2004), *Trollhunter* (2010).

Art exhibition in Cowbridge

A COMMUNITY art exhibition is being held at the pop up gallery in the Old Hall, Cowbridge by a wonderful array of artists from the Vale.

The displays are changing weekly to show the variety of artists engaging with the gallery, which is open Wednesday to Saturday, 10am-4pm, Sunday 11am-2pm and bank holiday Monday.

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New Life Church Easter egg hunt

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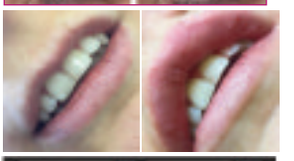

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NHS Wales says it's time to 'spring clean your medicine cabinet'

DO you keep tablets, creams and medicines 'just in case'? Do you have a cabinet full of out of date medicines? NHS Wales and the all-Wales 'Your Medicines, Your Health' team are asking you to 'spring clean your medicine cupboard' and return all old, unwanted or unused medicines to your local pharmacy, where they can be disposed of properly and safely.

A cupboard cluttered with medication could lead to medicines being taken by another member of the family, or a child thinking they are sweets.

The 'Your Medicines, Your Health' campaign encourages the effective use and safe storage of medicines, the main message being: take them if you can, tell us if you can't. If you're not taking your medicine, take it back; don't stockpile, and talk to your GP or pharmacist about any problems. As part of the campaign to keep people safe and take their medicines properly, the Health Board are asking people to join the rest of the community in spring cleaning your medicine cupboard.

You can pick up a 'spring clean' bag from your local pharmacy, fill it with your unwanted or unused medicines and return them to the pharmacy where they will be disposed of safely.

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Nathaniel Cars will be taking the driving seat at this year's Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival

A REAL highlight in the Welsh foodie calendar, this year's Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival is set to celebrate its 15th birthday with an exciting new partnership as Nathaniel Cars – specialists in new and used vehicles across both Bridgend and Cardiff – comes on board as main sponsor.

Promising to be a whole weekend of foodie, family-friendly fun - with over 100 exhibitors and three key sites allowing something for all - the festival will take place across the May Bank Holiday weekend (May 26-27).

As well as cars positioned in all the main areas, Nathaniel Cars will also be located at the children's activities area in the Old Hall Gardens and will supply fleet vehicles to help transport equipment across the various venues – a real blessing for the organisers.

Speaking about this new relationship, Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival event organiser, Polly Bamford said: "We're delighted that Nathaniel Cars has chosen to team up with us in this way – a local company so keen to be involved in a local event and already lending support way over and above.

"It's a relationship we're both very keen to build on and develop further in the future and we're looking forward to having the Nathaniel team on site for what is set to be a great milestone in the festival's history."

Nathan Griffiths, sales manager for Nathaniel Cars, added: "The Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival is such a good event and we're so pleased to be a part of it this year as main sponsor.

"The Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival is a fantastic fit for us in that way with so much to appeal to everyone, and we are also very much looking forward to continuing our partnership."

The festival takes place on May 26-27 and further information is available at cowbridgefoodanddrink.org.

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The mystery of the missing colony

News from the Fonmon Apiary with Harold Williams

THE weather conditions have contrived to delay my first in-depth inspection but at last I have been able to do so.

Spring is definitely here. The oilseed rape is in full bloom and the foragers are taking full advantage of it.

On opening and inspecting each colony I can see that the queens are now stepping up their egg laying activity. There are lots of eggs to be seen and lots of larvae, and of course larvae that have been sealed over to allow them to start the process known as metamorphosis, from which they will emerge as fully-developed honeybees.

Even though we have had a fairly mild winter one of my colonies has died out; it is not shortage of food that is the cause, because frames of sealed honey are still to be seen; there are however very few dead bees. This colony had more than enough bees present when the winter slowdown occurred, so what has gone wrong?

I will examine some of the dead bees to see if I can find the answer. It is not at all unusual to have a colony die out over the winter. The advantage of having more than one colony is therefore fairly obvious.

With the colonies expanding rapidly and warm weather in the offing, swarming is almost certainly going to occur. Can it be controlled? Well sometimes, especially if you are observant enough to read the signs when you carry out your colony inspection.

However, swarming is a natural part of the honeybee's life cycle. It is how the species is preserved. So despite the beekeeper's best efforts, you do lose out on more than one occasion.

As ever there is a desire for a bountiful summer that will aid the bees in their pollinating and nectar gathering activities and so provide a crop of honey for the beekeeper.

Let us not forget that the honeybee's reason for being is primarily as a pollinator, not as a honey provider! The nectar they collect is their reward from the plant for services rendered.

Hundreds of retailers in the Vale could soon see their business rates reduced

THE Welsh Government announced in December 2018 that an extra £23.6m was being made available to help High Street businesses and other retailers with their non-domestic rates.

The Vale Council was allocated £1.13m of that money to help the county's businesses. The council will launch a scheme which will provide support of up to £2,500 towards business rates for retail properties which have a rateable value of up to £50,000.

Some businesses will not have to apply for the rate relief, as the council should apply the discount automatically. But other businesses which may qualify for assistance will be sent an application form by the council to determine their eligibility.

The council estimates 618 businesses in the region could qualify for the discounts. The council's cabinet approved the plans on April 15 and they will come into effect if the full Vale Council approves. The next meeting of the full council is on May 1.

Matt Discombe, Local democracy reporter

Award for 'inspirational' CAVC manager

Team members Emily Morris, James Donaldson, Lucy Curtis and Hannah McDowell.

CARDIFF and Vale College's Head of Additional Learning Needs and Wellbeing James Donaldson has received a UK-wide award as 'Inspirational Leader of the Year'.

The college's Additional Learning Needs and Wellbeing teams also won second prize for team of the year, out of 600 colleges. The awards were given by the National Association for Managers of Student Services (NAMSS).

CAVC's teams were nominated for 'Team of the Year' at the NAMSS Awards for their "innovative and exceptional" work in supporting the college's students.

In the last academic year, the teams have supported more than 1,500 students, working closely with lecturers, employers, parents and allied professionals.

Cardiff and Vale College's sector-leading work has also led to it being shortlisted for a UK-wide Association of Colleges' Beacon Award for Wellbeing.

James said: "It was a great honour to be nominated and win the award for Inspirational Leader. I'm proud to lead a team who embrace our core values of being inclusive, influential and inspirational.

"We aim to ensure that every learner gets the support they need to achieve their goals in college. We employ an approach which places the learner at the heart of decision-making and we measure our success by their success. To be recognised across the sector is magnificent and down to the hard work of the teams."

Probus II Club learns about Bristol Channel pilots

THE speaker at last week's meeting of Barry Probus II Club was Master Mariner Terry Hogg, who gave members a very interesting insight into his life as a channel pilot serving the south Wales ports.

He related his introduction into seamanship and his 18 years' service as a captain of Geest banana boats, which docked at Barry weekly for 25 years.

In 1997 he was appointed one of 13 pilots by ABP who had taken on the responsibility in 1980 for pilotage duties into their ports.

Terry painted a vivid picture of duties, being taken out in the Pilot Cutter three miles south-west of Barry and having to climb some nine metres up a rope ladder in gale force winds. He very often climbed a further 25m up to the bridge, at which position he took over from the captain to became legally responsible for the safe passage of the ship to its berth in dock.

Some of the ships for Newport are 55,000 tons and have a length of 200m, draught of 10m and a width of 99 feet to fit into a lock width of only 100 feet; a six-inch gap either side.

He described the problem as similar to reversing an articulated lorry into a similar gap on ice, with a wind blowing, using an engine the size of a lawnmower, with the help of three lawnmowers (tugs) to help guide it.

New members are welcome to the next meeting on April 24, when the speaker will by Dean Powell relating the colourful life of Dr Price.

The Barry Probus II meet at the Wenvoe Golf Club fortnightly on Wednesdays at 10.45am to 12 noon, followed by lunch at the club.

For further information, contact secretary John W Evans on 02920 513976 or email president John Wilmot at johnwlmt58@hotmail.com.

PMW

Speaker at men's forum talks semaphore

BARRY Men's Forum recently welcomed one of its members, Brian Mills, who gave a very detailed presentation on the Semaphore signalling system as used by the railway companies of Great Britain before the 21st century.

Brian has spent many years researching its history and has written two books on the topic, with a third one due to be released. His presentation mainly concentrated on the south Wales area and covered the early days of the 18th century to the present.

Signalling has always been important in the railway's history, as without it safety would have been non-existent. Passengers and freight have benefited immensely in recent times due to the advent of 21st century technology as previously, as the title suggests, only Semaphore signalling existed.

Hundreds of signal boxes, all manually operated by levers, relayed the signals to train crews. Such was the array of signals given that it was very labour intensive.

Today the signal boxes have been, or are to be, consigned to history and are in the process of being replaced by 12 regional operating centres (ROCs) which will have sole control of our railway system.

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Dinas Powys bypass route is announced

THE Vale Council has announced the route for Dinas Powys bypass which will be taken forward to an outline business case.

The route would run from the east of Dinas Powys Merrie Harrier junction, re-connecting with the A4055 at the Water Treatment Works entrance on Cardiff Road. It may also include a new roundabout to connect it to Murch Crescent in Dinas Powys.

Improvements to public transport and cycling and walking routes are also being considered.

On Monday this week the Vale Cabinet approved plans to progress the 'green-pink route' into the Welltag stage two process, which involves preparing an outline business case for the Welsh Government.

The council had been considering a 'blue route' for the bypass which would have passed underneath Sully and joined Sully roundabout. It would have continued along Hayes Road, before crossing the docks from the Bendricks to join Ffordd y Mileniwm. This route has now been dropped from the process.

The council's cabinet also agreed to ask the Welsh Government for £80,000 to complete the Welltag stage two work, but will seek "alternative sources of funding" if Cardiff Bay fails to provide the money.

A public consultation will be held before a full business case is put together. At a council meeting on March 7 Emma Reed, the council's head of neighbourhood services and transport, said a 12-week consultation could be launched before the summer break in August.

The meeting this week heard that Dinas Powys Bypass Steering Group had sent an email to the cabinet two weeks ago asking them to suspend the decision but the council leader Cllr John Thomas said the cabinet should make the decision as "we have not heard anything since".

He added: "If we don't get on with it, it's going to be further delays."

Rod Harrod, chairman of the Bypass Steering Group said he was absolutely astounded at the Cabinet's decision not to do a full cost-benefit comparison of the green and blue routes before any public scrutiny.

He said: "In other words, although the consultant's study is only in draft form, they are telling the Dinas Powys community what they will have – not asking for their comments and suggestions.

"What is of even greater concern is that Dinas Powys Community Council unanimously requested the scope of the bypass routes be widened. This was passed by the Vale Council cabinet in April 2018. They are now going back on their word.

"All we want is the best solution for the community. We're worried that the green route will be thrown out by the Welsh Government because the A4055 Cardiff Road from Biglis to Gladstone roundabout is virtually log-jammed already and this won't relieve anything."

Matt Discombe, local democracy reporter/GEM reporter

'Brexit means ours is no longer the mother of all parliaments'

BREXIT LETTERS EXTRA

ON many occasions over the years, the UK has been highly critical of countries whose leaders refuse their citizens any input into how their country is governed, who have allowed elections then refused to accept the result if it has conflicted with the views/opinions of the political class.

We have boasted that ours is 'the mother of all parliaments' and that our democratic model is the benchmark to which all countries should aspire. I would suggest that in view of the chaos that is Brexit, this opinion of ourselves is no longer sustainable.

The referendum result was in favour of leaving the EU and the electorate passed the task of negotiating a clear and acceptable deal to our elected representatives.

At the 2017 general election, the two leading political parties, Labour and the Conservatives, pledged themselves to respect the referendum result.

In excess of 60 per cent of Labour candidates and in excess of 70 per cent of Conservative candidates elected represented constituencies that had voted leave in the referendum. Logically, this should have resulted in Brexit on March 30 – particularly as the decision to trigger Article 50 was supported by a large majority in the House of Commons.

However, the reality is different, simply because over 70 per cent of Members of Parliament, including the Prime Minister herself and a number of Cabinet Ministers, voted remain and the unelected Civil Service has no appetite for the UK to leave the UK.

This situation was seized by a number of very vocal pressure groups who have steadfastly refused to accept the referendum decision and oppose leaving the EU on any terms, supported by major television companies, who have gone to great effort and expense to interview those who support remain but rarely find air time to allow a leave view to be expressed.

Negotiations to leave have been more of a damage limitation exercise than a genuine desire to obtain a deal on the best terms for the UK.

The decision to take 'no deal' off the table has proved a disaster, as anyone in the business world who has been involved in any form of negotiation knows full well. Is it any wonder that the EU negotiators consider it unnecessary to give ground?

It is worth reminding ourselves that the stated intention of the EU is that all members embrace the Euro as the single currency, all financial decisions including the setting of interest rates will be in the hands of a Bank of Europe, income tax rates, VAT rates and foreign policy will be agreed in Brussels and that a European Army will replace existing armies in member countries. This is what remaining a member of the EU entails and those who deny this are being disengenious.

Our elected representatives are proving a disaster by being more intent on promoting their own views and ignoring the electorate.

The final outcome for Brexit remains uncertain and whether the UK electorate retains the confidence in our elected representatives to carry out their wishes, as determined by the ballot box, is, I believe, even more uncertain.

Broken pledges will not be forgotten by the voting population.

Gareth Jones, Colwinston.

'Brexit can't be ignored!'

I VERY much enjoyed reading the letter printed on behalf of Vale of Glamorgan for Europe about the lack of coverage, certainly any even-handed coverage of Brexit, in The GEM last week.

I realise that The GEM is a local paper, with limited staff and resources, but to make a decision not to cover a subject that is so hugely important to all our lives; a subject which is to do with constitutional change in our country that will affect each and every one of us and the lives and life-chances of our children and grandchildren, is astonishing.

It is not just the people of the Vale who feel strongly about the pro-remain voice being heard! Living in Bridgend, I too have seen how people are deeply concerned about the damage they fear Brexit will cause to their lives.

There have been surveys in the town centre here in Bridgend as well, carried out by a local group, Bridgend for Europe. On two occasions I have recorded my views and on each, overwhelmingly the feeling has been that the people should be allowed to have another say, an informed say, on their futures. This in a town which has benefited so much from European funding and employers that are here because we are the gateway to Europe is hardly surprising.

I don't think it is good enough either to say about readers not wanting to be 'swamped by Brexit rhetoric' – this matter is too important. Surely even a local paper has some responsibility to give accurate and up to date information to its readers?

Brexit can't be ignored! No one is expecting a team of different correspondents, just a fair hearing from those readers who are pro-remain, as well as voices who want to close down debate. We shouldn't be talking about 'two sides' anyway – this is a lazy simplification.

Brexit is a very complex subject and to assume there are just two polarised positions is not accurate: we need more discussion of the subject, not less.

In our local press we should be hearing more views from young people whose futures are going to be most affected by the restrictions Brexit will inevitably bring with it.

I hope that The GEM reconsiders its decision and allows space in its pages for readers to air what are very real concerns.

MW Jones, Bridgend.

Has group picked wrong name?

I WAS interested in reading the letter written on behalf of the Vale of Glamorgan For Europe (GEM, April 11).

Should it not have been more accurately described as: 'Vale of Glamorgan For Remaining in the European Union'?

A different thing entirely, as both Norway and Switzerland are countries on the European continent, but not members of the EU.

Neil Workman, Cowbridge.

Last days of never-again bargains at Silver Star

THERE are still a few more days to take advantage of the sensational give-away prices at the closing down of the Silver Star store on Barry Docks.

David Sylvester said: "Although we have sold out of a great number of products, there are still over 200 patterns of beautiful wallpapers to choose from which are really being almost given away at just £1 and £2 a roll."

There are colours and patterns for every room in the home, including wonderful quality Italian vinyls that were £25 a roll, which are now virtually given away for only £2 a roll and more than 100 lovely wallpapers for just £1 a roll. The selection includes vinyls for kitchens and bathrooms and for children, there are wallpapers featuring fairies, butterflies, ponies and for boys some brilliant racing cars.

For bathrooms, there are some shower screens that were £169 now for only £29 and stone shower trays for only £5, £19 and £29.

The store is in Subway Road, opposite the Barry Dock Offices clock and will be open on Good Friday and Easter Saturday from 10am until 4pm, closed on Easter Monday, then open all next week for the last days of this well-known business that first began in Barry 127 years ago.

Eggscellent support for Easter appeal

Lyndsay Ellis, the manager of The Vale Funeral Service, has praised the local community for its generosity in donating more than 290 Easter eggs to the Vale Foodbank.

THE response of the local community to an Easter egg appeal by The Vale Funeral Service has been "amazing", its principal Lyndsay Ellis told The GEM.

The Easter eggs will be going to the Vale Foodbank and so far 337 eggs have been donated.

The appeal is organised by Lyndsay and Nicki Ellis, and Lyndsay said: "I am so overwhelmed with the support again as in previous years. It is such a privilege to have the support and care from our community both during our appeals and with our personal journey with Nicki's illness.

"I hope these Easter gifts will bring great happiness to those who receive them at the Vale Foodbank. The community never lets us down. Thank you so much and Easter blessings from everyone at The Vale Funeral Service."

Easter train rides

BARRY Tourist Railway is operating Easter bunny trains from the Island over the bank holiday weekend, Friday, April 19 to Monday, April 22.

John Buxton, the managing director of the railway, said: "Every child travelling with us receives a free Lindt chocolate Easter bunny or a soft toy. Our military museum and cafe will be open on all four days too.

"We will be operating 40-minute 'out-and-back' journeys from Barry Island Station at 11.35, 13.10, 14.10 and 15.10hrs each day over the weekend, including a guided tour around the railway depot where our vintage trains are maintained and refurbished. Bring all the family and the dog if you have one – we're dog friendly!"

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Barrivale Bridge Club latest news

THE results for the Barrivale Bridge Club 32nd Birthday Teams event on April 9 are as follows:

The first team place was won by Mike Close and Kay Dyer, David Thomas and Jane Brook.

In second position were Allan Rees and Ann Richards, Mike Best and Mark Roderick.

New members at the club are always welcomed and a partner may be arranged, if required. If you would like to join us please call any of the following numbers, 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

Remainer reflects on long walk

THE April meeting of Bridgend for Europe hosted Dr Edmund Sides, who reflected on his recent widely-publicised walk from Swansea to London, prior to last month's historic 'Put it to the people' demonstration.

Dr Charles Smith reported: "Dr Ed made a very significant point about frictionless borders. Brexiters, he suggested, would benefit from considering the fact that the abolition of tolls at the Welsh border, and the demolition of Severn Bridge toll booths, are widely predicted to give an economic boost to Wales. From this, he said, we can draw some wider conclusions.

"Dr Ed was supported on his 240 mile walk by For Europe groups all along the way. On day three he was given an early morning send-off from the steel bridge which celebrates Bridgend's twinning with towns in France and Germany, opposite the Civic Offices, outside which fly the flags of Wales, the UK and the EU.

"On the morning of the London march where an estimated 700,000 people took part, Dr Sides was one of the speakers who addressed the Welsh contingent from the bandstand at Hyde Park Corner.

"Bridgend for Europe is a cross-party and no-party organisation, whose objective is to stop Brexit through a People's Vote. Its next meeting is at 7.15pm at the Westward Community Centre, Llangewydd Road, on Monday, May 13."

Valley views and coastal paths for Penarth Ramblers

LEADERS from Penarth and District Ramblers recently hosted two train rambles.

The first was from Bargoed, where 12 walkers and Biddy the dog joined John R for the descent into the lovely Rhymney Valley, followed by a steep climb through streets in Aberbargoed that would lead them out onto moorland with a view up the valley to New Tredegar.

Following morning break in sunshine, they trekked across part of Mynydd Bedwellte to overlook the Sirhowy Valley and upon reaching an old disused tip, a rocky steep descent led them to the valley floor and the busy A4048.

Following part of the Sirhowy River through the lovely green valley, with its old disused railway track as a reminder of past industry, a climb beside a small brook brought them past a ruined farm. An old tramroad would bring them uphill for lunch break, overlooking the valley they had just passed through.

They crossed open moorland containing sheep and ponies and joined the Sirhowy Valley Walk before the descent on a rough stony track, and by road to Manmoel. Crossing fields with lovely views and descending by road to re-cross the Sirhowy River, another steep climb eventually led them back to Aberbargoed and the station to catch the train home.

Terry and her fellow 13 walkers hit some confusion and her fellow co-leader missed the walk entirely, because trains were running late following vandalism to a train at Eastbrook.

Eventually setting off from Parkway in Port Talbot to complete another section of the long distance Wales Coast Path, they made their way to Margam Moors in bright sunshine with a cool breeze.

Crossing railway tracks at Margam Sidings, they joined a grassy path at Margam Moors, a reclaimed salt marsh that was originally part of Margam Abbey, and stopped for home-baked cake from John R.

A wooden footbridge led them into the sand dunes on the edge of Margam Burrows, used for military purposes during World War Two, and then onto the beach, where the receding tide was glinting in the sunlight.

Crossing Kenfig Sands, they located a sheltered spot near the dunes for lunch before following a track above the beach to reach Sker Point and Sker House, built on the site of a medieval grange.

The coast path led them on past the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club and out onto Lock's Common. Reaching the esplanade at Porthcawl, they encountered lots of other people enjoying the afternoon sunshine, before making their way to John Street to return home, first by bus and then train.

On April 20, meet at 9.30am at Barry Dock Railway Station to share transport for a nine-mile moderate linear walk along the coast path from Rhoose to Llantwit Major with a train journey back; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On April 22, Easter Monday, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 13-mile hard walk taking in Hay Bluff, Twmpa and the Dragon's Back; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

For up to date information, see www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook.

Joy Strangward

Andrew's marathon run for dad Peter

A MAN from Rhoose is running the London Marathon for Parkinson's UK as a tribute to his father who is suffering from the disease.

Andrew Wain was thrilled when he managed to get a ballot place in the UK's most prestigious marathon event which takes place on Sunday, April 28. It was only the second time he had applied for a place. He approached Parkinson's UK and offered to run for the charity as a tribute to his dad Peter (73) from Bonvilston who was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease over 10 years ago.

Andrew (44) explained: "My family has seen at first-hand the devastating effect Parkinson's disease has had on his family and how slowly but surely this debilitating disease affects the day to day activities that the rest of us take for granted.

"My father has some good days and some difficult ones. He has wonderful support from my mum Jan, keeps going and never complains." Andrew works for Legal & General and the company has said that if his fundraising total reaches £500 or more it will match the amount.

Parkinson's disease is a neurological condition, causing problems in the brain that get worse over time. Parkinson's UK aims to get people the best health and social care.

Andrew began training in earnest in the new year and added: "I won't lie, the training has been super tough at times, but this is a walk in the park compared to what my dad and others with Parkinson's Disease face each and every day."

On the big day his wife Joanne will be in London to cheer him on. Peter and Jan are "super proud" he has decided to raise funds for Parkinson's UK.

To sponsor Andrew, do a search for 'Andrew Wain' at uk.virginmoneygiving.com. For further information on the work of Parkinson's UK, go to: www.parkinsons.org.uk .

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Andrew Wain is running the London Marathon as a tribute to his father Peter.

World class triathlon heads for Barry Island

THE organisers of a triathlon which takes place on Barry Island next month say they hope to deliver a "world standard event".

The race takes place early on the morning of Sunday, May 26.

Simon Webb of All or Nothing Events said there will be 600 competitors from the UK and overseas taking part. "We're hosting the Welsh National Sprint Championship as well as the International Triathlon Union world qualifier to decide who will represent Great Britain in Canada in 2020. The competitors will go off in two waves – one at 6.30am and another at approximately 7.30am.

"Competitors will come from the UK and abroad. We've already had calls from as far afield as New Zealand and Australia from people asking where they can hire bikes." Mr Webb said he hoped the event would increase Barry's profile: "Our aim is to put on a world standard event. It will also attract people who might not necessarily visit the Island."

The race consists of a 750-metre sea swim, a 20km bike ride and a 5k run. The event takes in Harbour Road, Broad Street and Ffordd Y Mileniwm. Roads will be closed from 6am to 9.30am with diversions in place. The swim and run are confined to the Island with the bike ride taking in part of the town.

Mr Webb said full provision had been made in case emergency vehicles needed access to the Island. Local residents have been leafleted to let them know of the arrangements on the day.

He added that on the registration day, Saturday, May 25 people were welcome to go along and find out more about the event. Local organisations, including St John Ambulance and South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, will be hosting stalls.

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A 'thank you' tea party for WI committee members!

MISKIN Catholic Church hall was the venue for a special afternoon tea put on by the Glamorgan Federation Of Women's Institutes Board of Trustees to say thank you to the ladies who sit on the Federation committees.

These dedicated ladies work tirelessly all year to arrange a huge variety of events for the many WIs all over the region and Mrs Ann Davies, Federation chairman, told everyone that their efforts were much appreciated.

After a delicious tea, entertainment was provided by members of the board who performed two hilarious sketches. There was a quiz and the usual WI raffle and everyone agreed that it had been a very pleasant afternoon!

Community welcomes new arrivals

Jane Hutt AM, Belinda Loveluck-Edwards, members of Barry Uniting Church and members of the Syrian families.

ON April 6, Vale AM Jane Hutt joined Barry Uniting Church in welcoming refugees from Syria living in Barry who joined in the gardening activities, meeting church members and finding out about church activities they could enjoy.

Barry Uniting Church at the Waterfront has a community garden with church members and volunteers gathering on the first Saturday in the month to dig, plant and harvest their crops. Friends from Croeso Llantwit Major joined in the gardening supported by Jane Hutt AM and Belinda Loveluck-Edwards.

Jane Hutt said: "Thank you to Waterfront Barry Uniting Church for welcoming us to help in their community garden and enjoy company and refreshments together."

Police appeal after motorcycle rider is seriously injured

SOUTH Wales Police are appealing for witnesses after a road traffic collision (RTC) that took place at approximately 11.15am on Friday, April 12 on the B4254 at Ogmore By Sea.

A red Suzuki motorcycle ridden by an 83 year old local man left the carriageway as the motorcycle was travelling towards Ogmore by Sea.

The rider sustained serious head injuries and he was flown from the scene to University of Wales Hospital, Cardiff, where his condition is described as serious.

South Wales Police Roads Policing Department is appealing for witnesses to the collision or the manner of riding of the motorcycle to contact 101 quoting occurrence 1900130148.

Nature group enjoy talk on beavers in Wales

BARRY Action for Nature's latest wildlife conservation talk and coffee morning speaker was Alicia Leow-Dyke from the Welsh Beaver Project.

The excellent illustrated talk described the work currently taking place to reintroduce the wild beaver (Castor Fiber) back into Wales, led by the Wildlife Trusts in Wales.

Beavers were once widespread across Wales but due to hunting by man for their fur, meat and scent glands, they became extinct around the middle ages.

The work to re-establish beavers to Wales is taking place because of the important role they can play in enriching biodiversity and helping to control flooding. They are known as 'keystone species' because their activities benefit a wide range of other animals and plants.

Beavers do not eat fish, as they are herbivores. They eat mostly grass and herbaceous plants in spring and summer. In the autumn, they begin to feed on tree bark. They have been successfully reintroduced to more than 25 countries across Europe.

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Probus Club learns about wartime Penarth

THE Men's Probus Club of Penarth held its April meeting on April 16.

At the meeting, an extremely interesting and often humorous talk was given by a local historian, Alan Thorne, on Penarth during the Second World War (1939-45).

He described quite vividly the introduction of blackouts, gas masks, identity cards, ration books and communal air raid shelters.

He also described how various buildings were requisitioned to support the war effort and the impact the American Forces had on the town when they joined the war.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21, with a talk by another local historian, Chris Higley. His talk will be on 'Maps of Wales and Maps of War' when the focus will again be on wartime south Wales.

New members are always welcome to join Probus. It is open to both retired and semi-retired men of any age. The meetings are normally held every third Tuesday of the month at the Sports and Social Club, South Road, Sully, at 10am for a 10.30am start, with guest speakers on varied topics of interest. Light refreshments are provided and meetings finish before 12 noon.

Anyone interested in joining Probus should contact Gareth Price on 02920 532 793.

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Cor Bro Ogwr's spring concert offers a contrast

CONTRAST and similarity - two Requiem Masses, one traditional and well-known; the other, a contemporary approach by a modern composer whom most people would recognise as the composer of themes of many TV series, films and musicals (*Blackadder, Red Dwarf, The Vicar of Dibley*).

Howard Goodall has won a number of awards for his astonishingly broad output and in his Requiem Mass 'Eternal Light', composed in 2008, he chose to 'strip down the Latin text' of the traditional medieval church Mass for the Dead.

He took poems of the past 500 years, a well-known hymn and interpreted a moving poem by Ann Thorp entitled 'Belief'. Goodall wrote that he wanted to underline a sense of solace for the grieving, compassion for the despairing and attempt to assist in the process of recovery. So this is a work for the living.

It has not been an easy piece for Cor Bro Ogwr to learn as two sections are sung extremely fast, but the piece as a whole is an uplifting sing and it's always a refreshing challenge to learn contemporary works.

Our other Requiem is by Faure, composed between 1887 and 1890. It is different from typical Requiem settings; 'Pie Jesu', a well loved and moving movement, replaces the 'Dies Irae' and the final movement 'In Paradisum' is part of the burial liturgy.

Faure wanted his work to be 'dominated by a very human feeling of faith in eternal rest' which sits well with Goodall's 'Belief' movement - 'faith being the antidote to despair'.

We have two soloists: soprano Victoria Adams, who studied at Liverpool Hope University and the Royal Conservatoire of Birmingham and is now studying for her Masters at the Welsh International Academy of Voice under Dennis O'Neill.

Ian Howarth, baritone, is our conductor's father and we are delighted to welcome him on stage with us. Ian read music at Cambridge University where he specialised in singing. After entering the Methodist ministry he continued singing and is currently a member of the CBSO chorus and studies with Julian Pike at the Birmingham Conservatoire.

We welcome back harpist Angharad Edwards, a professional harpist, graduate of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and now teaching and freelancing in south Wales. Accompanying us on piano and organ is our very own Glenn Crooks.

A fitting concert for Easter. Do join us on Saturday, April 27 at 7pm, All Saints' Church, Porthcawl, tickets at the door or via 01656 653326.

Dominique Spearey

Heartstart Training for Kenfig Hill Air Cadets

FLIGHT Sergeant Richard Peckham RAFAC took six new Kenfig Hill Air Cadets and A/Sergeant Danielle Young and Civilian Instructor Chrissie Littlejohn through their first stages of first aid in the form of the Heartstart course.

The cadets learned to deal with an unconscious patient, looking for signs of breathing, performing CPR and if necessary putting patients into the recovery position. The course is a mixture of classroom lessons and practical demonstrations. All attendees passed the course and the cadets can now wear the blue first aid badge on their uniforms.

Flt Sgt Peckham, who ran the course, said he was very impressed with the level of understanding shown. First Aid is a mandatory requirement of all staff in the RAF Air Cadets and is also taught to cadets on a progressive syllabus up to the national qualification of First Aid at Work.

Independence group remembers Tryweryn

YES Cymru Penybont, a local cross-party group campaigning for an independent Wales, has reproduced the famous 'Cofiwch Dryweryn' monument on the wall of Ella Riley sweet shop on Nolton Street in Bridgend, following recent vandalism to the original just outside Aberystwyth.

'Cofiwch Dryweryn' – or in English 'Remember Tryweryn' – was originally painted following Parliamentary approval for Liverpool city council to flood the Tryweryn valley to create a reservoir giving the city of Liverpool access to Welsh water.

The controversial decision was given without consultation with Welsh local authorities amid fierce opposition from almost all Welsh Members of Parliament and local communities.

The original monument, which was painted on stone on the A487 at Llanrhystud just outside Aberystwyth by journalist and author Meic Stephens, has suffered numerous attacks over the years, including being painted over and more recently an effort was made to pull the stone structure down.

The campaign group who painted the mural stated that they expect more tributes to the original across many Welsh communities, and that already many people in Bridgend have visited the painting with social media interest running high.

Bridgend town councillor and owner of Ella Riley sweet shop, Freya Bletsoe said: "It's a real honour to be part of the Yes Cymru team to paint the first ever 'Cofiwch Dryweryn' art work outside the original one.

"We will remember the flagrant disregard that Westminster had for Wales, as it seems that sadly very little has changed in the intervening years. The struggle to retain our culture, our history, our heritage continues and grows every time it's attacked and vandalised. We stand firm! Cymru Am Byth."

Chairperson for Yes Cymru Penybont, Christine Moore added: "Never has it been more pertinent, in this time of uncertainty, for Wales to stand together in solidarity. This memorial is more than the sum of a few bricks and particles of paint. It represents a language, culture and a Welsh community."

Tim Thomas

Porthcawl now has more public access defibrillators

WORKING in partnership, Porthcawl Town Council and Porthcawl Community First Responders have increased the number of Public Access Defibrillators (PADs).

During the last six months, the town council have provided funding of £5,000 to work with Porthcawl Community First Responders to provide an extra five Public Access Defibrillators throughout Porthcawl.

These are available 24/7 and are located in secure cabinets at the Porthcawl Ambulance Station, Nottage Stores, The Old School Room (Newton Green), Rest Bay Lifeguard Station and Porthcawl Harbour.

Public Access Defibrillators can be vitally important if someone has experienced a cardiac arrest and they can be accessed by anybody in an emergency by simply obtaining the security code to the cabinet from Ambulance Control via 999.

Porthcawl Community First Responders provide awareness and practice sessions for the public on how to use them and more sessions are scheduled in future.

The Mayor of Porthcawl, Cllr Norah Clarke, said: "Partnership working in the town is vital to be able to provide items such as defibrillators. The Town Council is very pleased to have worked with Porthcawl Community First Responders to provide these lifesaving aids."

For more information about attending an awareness and practice session or other information about Porthcawl Community First Responders, visit www.porthcawl- cfr.org.uk. or email info@porthcawl-cfr.org.uk.

New extra care centre is officially opened

RESIDENTS OF 'Ty Ynysawdre' in Bridgend, recently celebrated their new homes with an afternoon tea.

Since moving in at the beginning of the year, residents have been enjoying their new apartments and getting to know their neighbours. 'Ty Ynysawdre', a partnership between Linc Cymru (Linc) and Bridgend County Borough Council, provides 25 extra care apartments and 15 residential beds for people over 65.

'Extra care' provides support that meets people's individual needs while they live independently in their own homes. With areas to socialise, such as a communal living area and dining room, as well as a hair salon, Ty Ynysawdre supports people to live active lives.

Ogmore AM Huw Irranca-Davies said: "It was a delight to visit residents and staff of Ty Ynysawdre. These facilities are truly first-class and provide modern facilities for residents and visitors, and I'm proud that a funding from Welsh Government in partnership with Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has helped make this happen."

Cllr Phil White, BCBC's cabinet member for social services and early help said: "Together with its sister development in Maesteg, which will be completed soon, Ty Ynysawdre is going to offer huge benefits for people and forms a major part of our ongoing plans for modernising residential care services.

"I am delighted that the council is working in partnership with Linc Cymru to provide these community assets, and I am sure that Ty Ynysawdre will become a widely-recognised and popular landmark development in the county borough. I'd like to thank everybody who has made this facility a reality – it's something that we can all be truly proud of."

Porthcawl Lions' car boot sales resume

MAY will be a very busy month for the Porthcawl Lions Club as we restart our car boot sales every Sunday (weather permitting) at the Rugby Club.

From 8am to 12pm there will be bargains to be found, opportunities to sell, refreshments and that happy atmosphere we all look forward to. Enquiries to Jim on 01656 859505.

The club are also entertaining the international president of our 1.8 million-strong world wide organisation on her way to the national convention in Swansea.

The first female president in our 102-year history, Icelander Gudrun Yngvadottr has expressed an interest in the beach cleaning activities we started for the *Samtampa* 60th anniversary 12 years ago, and which have expanded to so many other volunteer groups that our beaches really are cleaner than most.

Anyone interested in joining our busy and friendly club should contact Jim at the number above.

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History society hears about skinny dipping in Porthcawl – 200 years ago!

THE AGM of the Bridgend and District Local History Society took place on April 10, where the committee agreed to stand again in their roles and were unanimously re-elected.

There followed two short talks by members. The first, by Ian Hutchinson, covered the Weare House at Newton, Porthcawl, from the 17th century, when Newton was a busy port, to the 19th century when the Weir House became the Newton Bathing House, rented by the week for bathing parties.

Ian shared Donovan's account of his travels in the area in the early 1800s when he and his companions came across a large party of ladies bathing naked and were assured that such practices were very prevalent in these parts. The house is, alas, no more.

John James gave an account of Cyril Kieft, a local engineer and entrepreneur now largely forgotten. Kieft set up the first factory on the industrial estate post-World War 2 making household items in aluminium following an illustrious career as a manager in a major iron and steel works. He also diversified into a number of other areas such as manufacturing ladies' clothing.

However, his first love was motor sport and in the late 1940s and 50s he built and raced his own Formula Three cars with some notable successes. He even built a Formula One car in 1954 which through various complications at the time, only competed 20 years later in a historic vehicles race.

Our next meeting takes place on September 11 at 7pm in Carnegie House.

'Operation Brake' tackles child sexual exploitation

AN operation to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation within the night time economy was carried out in Bridgend town centre last weekend.

The police say child sexual exploitation (CSE) can happen to any child under the age of 18. Operation Brake involved South Wales Police licensing and child sexual exploitation teams, and also Bridgend County Borough Council's licensing enforcement teams.

Police officers and council officials educated night workers in Bridgend on how to identify the risks of CSE.

PC Kelly Thomas, Bridgend licensing officer, said: "This operation was about working with our partners and businesses in the town centre to educate staff on the signs of child sexual exploitation and how they can help to prevent it. We are urging taxi drivers and those working in licensed premises in our borough to look out for the signs of CSE and report anything suspicious to us.

"Child sexual exploitation is a crime with devastating and long-lasting consequences for its victims. Victims are manipulated or forced into taking part in a sexual act often in return for attention, affection, money, drugs, alcohol or accommodation.

"Children and young people do not become involved voluntarily – they are forced into the situation by abusive adults or peers who present themselves as their 'friend' or 'boyfriend'.

"I would urge anyone who suspects a child may be at risk of sexual exploitation – not just at night – to report it to us so we can act."

Members of the public can call the police on 101 or, if they suspect a child is in immediate danger, they should call 999.

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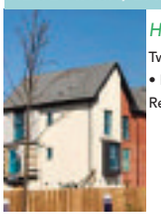

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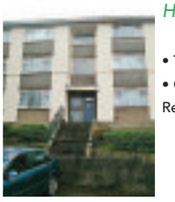

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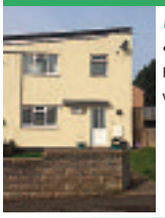

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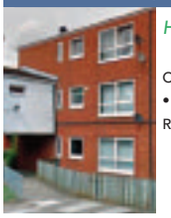

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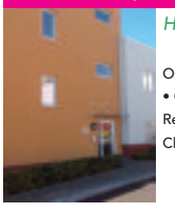

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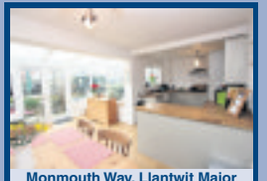

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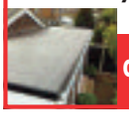

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Family Notices

WALTERS
Trevor

Peacefully on 8th April at home, surrounded by his loving family, Trevor sadly passed away. He will be well known for his time at Royal Mail, Cardiff and LDS, Barry. A devoted husband to Carole, much loved dad of Sharon and Colin. Respected father-in-law of David and Lisa, a cherished Pops to Scott, Luke, Sam and Evie. Loving brother of Jean.

Trevor will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Wednesday, 24th April at 11am.

Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth, in memory of Trevor.

Further enquiries, please telephone 01446 407962.

GEARY-ANDREWS
Maureen

Peacefully at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend on Monday, 8th April 2019, aged 74 years. She will be remembered for her larger-than-life personality and her tireless work for the Royal British Legion. Beloved wife of Andy (David), mother of Colin and Nigel and grandmother of Daniel, Nia, Emily and James.

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RUNDLE
Betty Christine

Passed away peacefully, aged 89 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend on 6th April 2019, surrounded by her loving family. Loving wife of the late Brian, cherished and beloved mum of Anne and Judith. Loved mother-in-law of Ed and Roy. Adored Nannie to Jessica and Sam. Much loved sister and aunt.

Betty will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She will live on in our memories and hearts.

Betty is resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare until her funeral service on Wednesday, 24th April at 12.45pm at St Illtyd's Church, Llantwit Major, followed by committal at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.15pm.

The family would like to make everyone aware that they are not obliged to wear black.

Family flowers only. Donations if desired, in lieu of flowers, in memory of Betty may be made to Wales Air Ambulance or Ty Hafan.

COLE
Ronald George (Ron)

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital, Ron, devoted husband of Marion. Adored dad to Debra and Stephen, loving father-in-law of Bruce and Debs and devoted grandad to Scott.

Ron will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Friday, 26th April at 11am, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

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VILDAY
Doris Lilian

Sadly on 31st March after a short illness, Doris passed away at the Marie Curie Hospital, Penarth. Much loved mother of Barrie, Angela and Kerry and daughter-in-law Joyce.

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Funeral Service on Friday, 26th April at 11am at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. No flowers. Donations in lieu, if so desired, to Marie Curie, Penarth.

COLLIER
Lily Louise (*née* Peake)

Peacefully at home after a short illness, Lily aged 105 years, beloved wife of the late Stanley. Much loved mother to Brian and Marilyn, mother-in-law to Sylvia and the late Howard. Adored nan to all her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Lily will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Thursday, 25th April at 2pm, followed by commital at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

No flowers by request. Donations in lieu, if so desired for Ward East 8, Llandough Hospital will be collected on the day.

Acknowledgements

AYRES
Brian

Died 9th March 2019

Shirley and family would like to thank everyone for their cards and messages of condolence on the loss of Brian and for their attendance at the service.

Thank you to David and Tracey for all their help and special thanks to Mac for his invaluable assistance and to Andy Murphy for the lovely service.

In Memory

SIM
James (Ginger)

23rd April 2010

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Love Mum, Marcus, Kirsty, Fraser and families.

I love and missed you so much Daddy, Love Darcie.
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The original was taken in 1906, and as there was no clubhouse at the time, the team played out of local public house The Old Swan Inn.

The club are currently producing a new gallery of photos and memorabilia to celebrate their history. If anyone has any photos or item they wish included please contact Hal on 07966 648905.

Back to the current team, the firsts have their last game of the season this week as they take the short trip to Tonyrefail.

A bus will be leaving the clubhouse at 12.30pm with supporters welcome to travel with the team. Kick off is at 2.30pm.

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ABOVE: The 2019 Llanwtit Major RFC squad, and BELOW: The squad from 1906.

Llantwit Major reserves earn comeback win

MAX Morgan, Stephen Phillips and Gethin Jennings were all on target as Llantwit Major AFC reserves picked up another win at Windmill Lane defeating Aberdare side Llwydcoed.

The Major were fast out of the traps, with Josh Morgan having an early chance which went wide of the keeper's right hand post.

The visitors were organised and defending well as Llantwit enjoyed most of the possession in the opening 30 minutes without creating many chances.

Llantwit's dominance then took a blow as a counter attack wasn't dealt with properly, and Llwydcoed opening the scoring.

The second half saw a new lease of life for Llantwit Major, the home side passing quicker and attacking with more intent, and this saw a chance from Phillips brilliantly saved on the line from a Jennnings delivery.

Another Josh Morgan run in the box brought out another save from the keeper as Llantwit were pushing bodies forward to equalise.

Despite the pressure they were under, Llwydcoed doubled their lead with another counter attack, and the home side now had their work cut out to get back into the game.

Finally, after persistent pressure, the reserves got one back, after a Jennings free kick met Phillips' head for fellow strike partner Max Morgan to tap in from close range.

Phillips then turned scorer and got Llantwit Major back on level terms, as another Jennings delivery from wide was met by Lee Jones' towering header, which was stopped on the line before Phillips threw his body to the ball resulting in the ball - and defender - going over the line.

At 2-2 Llantwit were odds on favourite to get all three points and with the fresh legs of Chris Blatchford, Jordan Davies and Aaron Wrigley helping their side keep the intensity high, Max Morgan delivered a defence-splitting through ball, with Jennings going through on goal and calmly stroking the ball into the net. That strike wrapped up the match and a remarkable comeback, due to the determination of players who are on a high.

JT

Blast From The Past

JONATHAN Tudor's son, Jack Tudor, aged 16, is at present making a name for himself as a promising young rider - here we look back to the time his father saddled a hat-trick of winners at the Monmouthshire course in 2015 which is no longer used for point-to-point racing…

Merthyr Mawr's Jonathan Tudor was able to boast that he rode several hat-tricks as a rider, and now, after the Monmouthshire Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Llanvapley, he can boast that he has had a hat-trick as a trainer.

The first leg of Jonathan's treble was initiated when *Repeat Business,* the odds-on favourite, landed the men's open race by 10 lengths from *Knockgraffon King*.

Owner Jeff Bird was holidaying in Cyprus so Jonathan gave him a running commentary of the final circuit on his mobile phone. Good job he didn't give him a full commentary as winning rider James Tudor, Jonathan's cousin, said: "He missed every fence apart from the last two and those he flew.''

Hector Worsley rode Jonathan's next winner *Always A Chance* which proved too speedy for *Driftwood Haze* in the restricted race. However, Tudor was back in the saddle on *Banned In Bhutan* for the second division of the split open maiden race.

An early faller in its previous race, this syndicate horse, bought from National Hunt jockey Paul Moloney, won by six lengths from the pacemaking *Earth Tremor* who was finishing in the runner-up's spot for the fourth time on the trot.

The biggest cheers of the day were for Beth Roberts' 14-year-old *Chesnut Annie* who, partnered by Carmarthen's Emma Mosley, won the ladies' open race.

Chesnut Annie, a 7-1 chance, who tried to break away from the field was overtaken by the odds-on favourite *Lauberhorn* and *Fine Resolve* in the closing stages.But by the time the last fence was reached, she had got back in the race and was about half-a-length behind the fast finishing *Lauberhorn* who came down leaving *Chesnut Annie* to score by a length from *Fine Resolve.*

Chesnut Annie, who was winning over the course for the sixth time, has now won 37 point-to-points and two hunter chases.

Fine Resolve's rider, Rachel Leyshon, took the first division of the maiden on Simon Jones' *Stainless Steel*. Simon, who hails from Maesteg, and runs a pet cemetery in the area.

Matthew Barber, riding his father Gary's *Kimora*, the 5-1 outsider of four, took the opening intermediate race.

A nine-year-old bay mare by *Bach, Kimora* is trained by Matthew's older brother Marc.

Ben Hicks, aged 20, will always remember his first ride in Wales as he chalked-up his first winner in just four rides when landing the young horse open maiden race on *Triple Brandy* which got home by half-a-length from the pacemaking *Sahara Haze.*

Ben rides out for Warren Greatrix at Lambourn and on this showing more wins will certainly be coming his way.

*Jonathan Tudor rode his first winner on his 18th birthday on his own horse, *Bright Hope,* at the South Pembrokeshire meeting in 1983.

Jonathan, who played hooker for Cowbridge RFC seconds, chalked up more than 70 winners between-the flags, the last of them being *Ollardale* at the Golden Valley in 1999. The highlight of his race riding career was winning the Times Hunter Chase at Towcester on his *St Helen's Boy* in 1998.

Another highlight was when he set a personal seasonal's best of 10 wins which won him the Bill Jones Memorial Trophy for the leading rider in south Wales.

BRIAN LEE

Successful open day for bowls club

SULLY Sports Bowls Club's men's section launched their 2019 season with an open day last Saturday, April 13.

Chairman Dennis Austin, watched by captain Graham Brown and a number of other members, officially opened the Green by bowling down the first wood.

There was a good turnout but the captain still extends a warm welcome to all, and any, members/players past, current and new who have yet to register.

Don't worry if you are a novice, or have never bowled: free coaching is available to all newcomers.

Anyone wishing to join can turn up at the club, or contact Peter Holland (secretary) on 01446 622490, or Graham Brown on 01446 737274.

The club's first fixture is a friendly against its nearest neighbours, Sully Bowls Club on Saturday, April 20 at 2.30pm.

MS

Barry Athletic Bowls Club open the 2019 season

Myra and Matthew Newman, with club vice-chairman Geoff Whittaker.

AT Barry Island on Saturday, glorious sunshine welcomed over 30 bowlers at the opening day of the Barry Athletic 2019 bowling season.

Guests of honour were Myra Newman and her son Matthew, who together bowled the first bowls of the season on the lush Athletic green.

Myra's husband David was a long-time member at Barry Athletic, with the family participating not just on the bowling green, but also taking an active part in the tennis and squash sections.

The 2019 season will kick off on a high with the Athletic co-hosting 27 countries taking part in the Atlantic Championships, with not just stars from the home countries competing, but teams from far and wide including Kenya, Malta, Argentina and South Africa. Even Brazil, Switzerland and the Czech Republic are represented.

Lasting two weeks, the tournament commences at Barry Island on May 10 with matches played daily at the Athletic until May 22.

Following on from a very successful 2018 season, the Athletic are looking to add to their collection of trophies in 2019. Always looking for new and experienced players to add to their growing membership, junior members will be made especially welcome.

Further details can be found on the club's website, babc.co.uk.

TM

Tennis youngsters enjoy some egg-cellent fun!

AN egg-straordinary amount of fun was had at last weekend's Easter egg hunt hosted by Barry Community Tennis Club in Romilly Park.

The event was open to everyone, with on court relay games and tennis fun as well as some courtside activities such as Pin the Tail on the Bunny and Feed the Bunny, as well as the Easter egg hunt around the park area surrounding the courts.

All children received spot prizes for efforts in the activities, as well as each receiving an Easter egg.

Club safeguarding officer Jenny Griffin commented: "These events are so important to the ethos of our club, as we are committed to maintaining a community focus and continually introducing new families to our sport. It's great to see how much fun the children have doing something that's active, outdoorsy and has a fantastic social element too."

New players of all ages and abilities are always welcome at the club, at any of the coaching sessions or the organised social play, and the club is especially welcoming to families with many of the children's sessions offering a free court and equipment for parents to play while their children have coaching.

To find out more, check out the club's social media channels or turn up at one of the events or sessions to chat to other members or the coaching team.

PM

Tynewydd FC reach cup final - and make history!

TYNEWYDD FC made club history on Saturday by reaching the final of the South Wales Intermediate Cup.

It has been run since 1891 with only four winners coming out of Barry. Tynewydd met The New Inn from Ton Pentre at a neutral venue, travelling to Rhydyfelin AFC's 'Dog Track' ground.

With both teams knowing what was at stake, it was Tynewydd who started the brightest, quickly getting into their rhythm and creating some half chances.

Midway through the half, Tynewydd's dominance finally paid off when a lofted curled through ball from Lewis Union found Craig Rattenbury running in behind the New Inn backline. He calmly nodded the ball down to himself before squaring up to the keeper and side-footing home to make it 1-0.

Tynewydd controlled the rest of the half but failed to take any more chances and seemed to be going into the break leading, only for a mistimed lunge in the box in injury time to give the New Inn a penalty and a chance to level. The 'Inn' midfielder slotted home to level the match at 1-1.

Knowing they were lucky to be level at the break, New Inn started the second half much the better, although Tynewydd's strong backline kept their chances to a distance and a minimum.

With the game seemingly drifting towards extra-time, and most of the game being played in the middle of the park, Tynewydd quickened the pace, and in the 75th minute a neat one-two exchange between Rattenbury and Elliot Hicks allowed Rattenbury to smash the ball home from close range and make it 2-1.

With a strong bench on offer to manager Gareth Union changes were made to solidify the team and see the game out. One of those substitutes, Tom Parsons, sealed the victory after another pinpoint pass from Lewis Union found Parsons streaking through on goal.

He rifled his shot into the top corner to make it 3-1 and end the tie, sending the travelling fans into raptures.

Man of the match went to Lloyd Union for an outstanding display at full back, nullifying all threats that came his way and offering a great outlet when attacking.

Tynewydd will travel to Pen-Y-Bont for the final on May 4 (5.30pm kick-off) where they will face fellow Barry side Holton Road at the Kymco Stadium.

Tynewydd will be huge underdogs against Holton Road, who comfortably won their league, although Tynewydd will know on their day they can beat them, having won the last of their three league games – but they know it will take a big effort from the whole squad.

Whatever happens it's a great achievement for Tynewydd to have reached the cup final with the core of the side having been together for over 10 years.

Pictured above are (back row, left to right) L Peterson, J Jones, P Pydannah, R Yarr, J Clissett, J Shepherd, S Harding, G Pycroft, L Clarke, C Harding, E Hicks, T Case, P Union, G Union. Front row: L-R) C Rattenbury, O Cooke, J Smith, Ll Union, C Coleman, L Union, T Parsons, S Eveleigh, J Brana.

JC

Late winner seals Holton Road's spot in cup final

HOLTON Road seniors continued their incredible season by booking a place in this season's SWFA Intermediate Cup fnal following a 3-2 victory over Royal Oak FC from Aberdare at Bridgend Street Stadium, Cardiff.

Holton staged an amazing comeback in the last 30 minutes of the game after trailing 2-0 and showing their usual never-give-in attitude, with goals from Shaun Jachontow (2) and a 93rd minute winner from Travell Konten sealing the victory.

Holton were made to work hard for the win but showed their true grit and class when it mattered, breaking the hearts of their spirited opponents.

Coach Jeff Howells said: "These lads don't know how to throw the towel in, they just keep positive and believe in themselves. I'm so pleased for Travell coming back into the side following a long lay-off after a major operation and scoring the winner as well as showing true class throughout the match.

"Congratulations must also go to Tynewydd FC for making the final an all-Barry encounter, meaning the trophy will definitely be coming back to the Vale this season which is great for local league football."

The SWFA Intermediate Cup final takes place at Penybont Stadium, Bridgend on Saturday, May 4; 5.30pm kick-off – for more information on travel, please contact the club.

JH

Young tennis stars on court

YOU may have thought spring was late this year but not quite as late as the Cowbridge Lawn Tennis Club (CLTC) version of the Australian Open tennis tournament, postponed twice since January this year due to the rain.

On Saturday the club held three tournament sessions mixing adults and progressive juniors, seeing the James twins making their senior debuts. At only 10 years old they followed in their parents' footsteps demonstrating their talents to great effect with Owain picking up a runner-up prize in his tournament, against people up to seven times his age (no names to protect the innocent!).

Other winners and runners-up on the day were Ian Duggan, Val Owen, Sian Roberts, Richard Owen, Paul Arnold, Kate Reid, Rod Howells, Lily Buick, Clare Janczewski, Nonie Hempson, Daisy Buick and Sharon Francois.

After the senior club tournaments Mark Lewis from Tennis Wales, one of our coaches, ran the annual LTA Family Quorn Cup for under-10s with an adult family member. There were two groups on the day for up to eight years old and eight to 10, with many close games.

The Quorn Cup this year was won by Camelia Buick and her dad David with Grace Duggan and her dad Ian winning the under-8s section. Camelia and David will now go on to represent the club in the next round at an LTA tournament in England.

The club will be holding an open day on Bank Holiday Monday (May 6) from 10am to 4pm.

More detailed information is available on our website clubspark.lta.org.uk CowbridgeTennisClub or call our coach Ian Duggan on 07919 816609.

DB

Brynhill Golf Club latest

A DRAMATIC final day saw Dan Williams and Dave Stephenson win the Barry and District competition by the narrowest of margins at Brynhill Golf Club.

They finished level with front runners Dave Cunningham and Paul Thomas, both pairs finishing on nett 50s but Williams and Stephenson having a better back nine.

With both pairs finishing 22 under, 'Slasher' Giles is champing at the bit to massively reduce their handicaps.

Next week sees the Junior Gold Cup up for grabs, a four-ball better-ball medal.

AS

Football teams are up for the cup!

Division 1 League Cup winners Holton Road FC.

Holton Road being presented with the Division 1 Shield.

Premier Division League Cup winners, the ASRS Cup, AFC Rhoose.

Year 7 League winners Sully Sports Black.

Porthkerry Panthers, league and cup winners.

THE Vale of Glamorgan Association Football season is drawing to a close so recent weekends have seen the completion of leagues and cup finals.

Up first were Holton Road FC being presented with the Graham Turner Shield on Saturday, March 30 after winning the Division 1 title a few weeks earlier.

In the Premier Division a win was needed for Barry Athletic FC to lift the Premiership Shield. Thanks for a 3-1 over Island Marine FC, they were duly crowned Premier Division champions.

The next day saw the start of the cup finals where Cardiff Airport FC collected the Year 11 Junior Cup with a 6-4 win over AFC Wolves.

In the afternoon the Division 2 League Cup was up for grabs between Penarth Town FC and Vale Madrid FC. Penarth Town got into a 3-0 lead before two late goals from Vale Madrid saw a pulsating closing sequence. Fortunately, Penarth Town got a fourth and final goal to take the Dockers Cup to Penarth with a 4-2 win.

The following Sunday, April 7 the finals continued with the Year 10 League Cup for the Steve Williams trophy between league champions Porthkerry Panthers FC and Llantwit Major Juniors FC.

In a one-sided game, Porthkerry Panthers FC completed another league and cup double after a 6-0 win. In the afternoon Holton Road AFC played Cadoxton Barry FC for the Division 1 League Cup, the Supporters Cup. Holton took the lead early and Cadoxton Barry FC struck back with an equaliser close to half-time.

Holton Road then got two goals in the second half to take a commanding lead. They should have been leading by a few more goals had the goalkeeper not pulled off a string of excellent saves to deny Holton Road racking up a bigger winning margin.

In the closing minutes Holton Road were reduced to 10 men and Cadoxton Barry scored a second to put the fans on their feet for the finish. Despite pushing for the leveller Cadoxton Barry ran out of time, leaving Holton Road as league and cup double winners.

Tuesday, April 9 saw Sully Sports Blacks crowned Year 7 League winners and presented with the league shield and Saturday, April 13 saw Cardiff Airport FC complete a league and cup double with a win over Island Marine FC, Island Marine coming runners-up in the league.

Before the Easter break, Sunday, April 14 brought us only the one senior cup final, the ASRS Cup, the Premier Division Cup.

AFC Rhoose came up against Island Marine FC in a close game which ended 0-0 at half-time. The game was still at a stalemate for much of the second half before a routine back pass provedt o be the spark the game needed.

Island Marine, playing back to the keeper, saw the keeper raise his foot to stop the ball but he raised it too high and the ball carried on into the net. Island Marine then pushed for an equaliser which was counter-attacked by Rhoose FC.

With 12 minutes to go one such counter-attack saw a ball played perfectly around the keeper to give AFC Rhoose a 2-0 lead. Again, Island Marine did not bow their heads and kept pressing to stay in the game, with one attack resulting in a late challenge and a red card for AFC Rhoose, but the goal just did not come.

The remaining four finals are set to follow – Sunday, April 28 will start with the Year-9 cup final for the Harry Gratton Cup between Cowbridge Town Reds and Island Marine FC, kick-off 10am. The afternoon will see the Barry Cup up for grabs between Cowbridge Town FC and Penarth Town FC, kick-off 2pm.

After this the final of the junior cups will take place Sunday, May 5, with the Year-7 final between Sully Sports Blacks and Cowbridge Town Reds for the Brian Riseborough Memorial Trophy kicking off at 10am.

Then, to round off the finals, the Year 8 league trophy is up for grabs with Penarth Town Raiders playing Cogan Coronation Juniors AFC for the Billy Butlin Trophy, kick-off 12.15pm.

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Barry and District Mens Skittles League round-up

DIVISION 1:

Bunker Boys 266 (K Jeynes 29), Geest 295 (T Hawkins, Jon Hawkins 28); KP Rejects 345 (M Dando 34), British Rail 323 (L John 36); Blue Monkey 254 (C Evans 31), Willie Wombles 272 (P Taylor 32); Posties 299 (J Galsworthy 28), Sea View 266 (D Britton 29); Billy Whizz 281 (J Snook 34), Cannon Balls 243 (M Almedia 26); 49ers 291 (K Yarr 37), Merrymen 273 (A Cockram 28).

League table: 49ers 41, Geest 34, Bunker Boys 23, Posties 22, Willie Wombles 21, Blue Monkey 20, Merrymen 20, Sea View 19, Billy Whizz 17, British Rail 17, KP Rejects 16, Cannon Balls 14.

DIVISION 2:

Mighty Dockers 248 (K Enticott 26), BP Breakaways 248 (B Parkman 28); Park Lads 269 (I Tweddle 29), Hairy Lemons 253 (K Buckler, S Gully 28); Tynny Lads 286 (J Kerslake, R Germon 31), Colcot Boys 289 (J Dancey 28); Cavaliers 300 (G Stephenson 34), Witchill Poachers 308 (P Fraser, M Copp 29); Exiles 287 (S Moore 28), Barry Park B 286 (B Batt 30).

League table: Park Lads 38, Cavaliers 28, H Bells 26, Hairy Lemons 24, Witchill Poachers 22, Colcot Boys 20, Barry Park B 20, Mighty Dockers 19, Exiles 19, Tynny Lads 17, BP Breakaways 15, Ex-Servicemen 14.

DIVISION 3:

Witchill Nomads 337 (K Dobson 40), Alternatives 318 (M Moyle 32); Park Rangers 281 (S Dite, T Power, T Evans 28), Royalists 257 (H Burbidge 29); Glenbrook Flyers 5 Abercrete 0.

League table: Park Rangers 30, Billy Bluebirds 22, Castle Boys 22, Glenbrook Flyers 22, Witchill Nomads 20, Royalists 19, Cocoa Nuts 19, Abercrete 18, Alternatives 16, C.U.D. 10, Master Mariner 0.

View all results and league tables at barryleagues.co.uk.

JW

Barry and District Ladies Skittles League

DIVISION 1:

Family Affair 227 (D. Jeffriers 26), Cigar Ladies 238 (L. Webb 27); Allsorts 256 (H. Bunting 25), Bakers Dozen 267 (A. Haines 28); Fallen Angels 243 (A. Rees 27), Pila Pala 282 (D. O'Sullivan 27); Family & Friends 254 (L. Sheppard & C. Mathews 26), La Bells 215 (R. Chick 26); Space Finders 322 (J. Snooks 34), Special Angels 321 (L. Mountford 32); Cadoxton Con Fillies 248 (D. Stringer 25), Barry Stars 216 (D. James & C. Lambeth 28).

Division 2:

Roller Coasters 243 (L. Gould 26), Bobby's Girls 241 (L. Turner 26); Persuaders 212 (G. Hughes 24), Breakaways 213 (V. Martin 24); Red Admiral 233 (S. Clements 28), Colcot Ladies 253 (D. Mansbridge 28); Bandits 200 (C. Evans & K. Marshall 23), Rugby Triers 240 (S. Cogbill & N. Williams 26); Airways Angels 259 (M. Carpenter, El. Jones & L. Davies 26), Rhoose Starlights 219 (K. Davies 30).

Division 3:

Witches 216 (Y. Curnow 25), Dolly Mixtures 257 (L. Marsh & L. Hughes 34); Little Devils 218 (J. Jones 24), Sea View Ladies 201 (C. Griffiths 27); Witchill Widows 313 (L. Spyros 32), Etcetera 314 (S. Dyke 32); Off the Rails 227 (G. Griffiths & L. McCormacck 26), Vixens 240 (D. Pedrick 31); Merry Makers 214 (M. Payne 21), Westenders 228 (V. Curtis 24).

Division 4:

Socialites 206 (A. Hicks 28), Optimists 239 (J. Holland 32); Aristocats 210 (P. Dance 27), Livin' on a Spare 248 (T. Ceriani 27); Little Misfits 237 (L. Simpson 26), Nite Outers 214 (J. Davies 24); Twilights 229 (C. Thomas 28), Boozy Birds 237 (H. Marshall 39); Odd Bods 205 (K. Dutton 25), Hell Raisers 226 (S. Vildar 27).

We have several missing scorecards, can you advise the league when these games will be played?

Boozy Birds v Bimbos; Aristocats v Hell Raisers; Family Affair v Cadoxton Con Fillies; Hell Raisers v Boozy Birds; Bimbos v Livin' on a Spare; Liberals v Vixens; Livin' on a Spare v Socialites; Witchill Wanderers v Little Misfits; Vixens v Merry Makers.

HB

Competition draws to a close

THE team of Gary Williams and Nick Parry lead the table into the last round of Rhoose Bowling Club's inaugral Australian Pairs competition this weekend.

But, with three other pairs within three points of them, these last matches will surely be well worth watching. Members of the public will be made welcome at 1pm on Saturday to enjoy the atmosphere and meet the players, coaches and team members.

Wednesday will see a friendly match take place at our Celtic Way ground against the men of Sully, starting at 6pm.

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Home win secured for Llantwit Major AFC

Kyran Gardner scores the first goal for Llantwit Major AFC.

AFTER their fine away win at Ton Pentre, Llantwit Major AFC welcomed Ammanford to Windmill Lane for this midweek encounter which was the first of back-to-back games with the same opponents.

Llantwit made a bright start and scored their first goal in the ninth minute when a cross in from right back Jonathan Fletcher was met by right wing Kyran Gardner just inside the Ammanford goal area and he brought the ball under control and coolly shot past the oncoming keeper to score a well-taken goal.

Llantwit were unlucky not to score a second in the 37th minute when centre forward Anthony Rawlings met a ball that was put over the top of the Ammanford defence and his shot just went past the post into the side netting.

Half-time arrived with Llantwit being quite comfortable as Ammanford were having difficulty in creating any goalscoring opportunities. The second half saw Llantwit applying the early pressure but it was not until the 80th minute that they made the game safe when a break out of defence by left back Connor Goldsworthy saw him pass the ball to Anthony Rawlings.

He, in turn, passed the ball out to right wing Josh Jones who from just inside the Ammanford goal area unleashed a powerful right-footed shot that the Ammanford keeper could only partly save and Rawlings was on hand to head home the ball from around a yard out before the Ammanford defender could clear the ball away.

A few minutes later the Ammanford keeper had to make another fine save from a shot from Josh Jones to deny Llantwit a third goal. The final result was 2-0 to Llantwit which was another fine win.

Llantwit Major: Jack Lansdown, Jonathan Fletcher, Sean Williams, Glyn Davies, Connor Goldsworthy, Kristian Smith (C) (Jamie Miller 67), Mike Hartley (Ben Cripps 81), Jonathan Butler, Rob Jones, Kyran Gardner (Josh Jones 71), Anthony Rawlings. Substitutes not used: Nathan Jones, Nathan Renfree.

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The Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

Wyndham Cons 7, Cadoxton Cons 8; Moors Boys 6, Rhoose Social 9; Liberals 9, West End Runaways 6.

League table: Rhoose Social 185, Wyndham Cons 175, Liberals 173, Cadoxton Cons 167, West End Runaways 164, West End 156, Moors Boys 150.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Sea View Exiles 1.5, Slammers 5.5; Rhoosters 6.5, Liberals A 0.5; Allsorts 2, Rhoose Social B 5; Barries Boys 6, Cambrian Flyers 1; Liberals C 1.5, West End C 5.5; Rhoose Social C 0.5, West End D 6.5; King William XII 5, Rugby Club 2.

League table: Sea View Exiles 122.0, West End D 118.5, West End C 115.5, Allsorts 103.0, Rhoose Social C 100.5, Rhoosters 100.5, Rugby Club 98.5, Barry Town FC 98.0, King William XII 95.0, Slammers 86.0, Rhoose Social A 83.5, Barries Boys 71.0, Rhoose Social B 69.0, Liberals C 65.0, Liberals A 63.0, Cambrian Flyers 46.0.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Liberators 3, Cadoxton Cons B 2; Harbour B 3, Penarth Cons A 2; Wyndham Cons A 2, Cadoxton Cons Z 3; West End C 2, Savoy A 3; Cadoxton Cons B 5, Rhoose Social B 0.

League table: West End C 94, Savoy A 91, Harbour B 85, Wyndham Cons A 73, Cadoxton Cons B 69, Cadoxton Cons Z 67, Penarth Cons A 52, Rhoose Social B 43, *Liberators 42, Cadoxton Wildcats 37, Market Street B 35.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Savoy B 4, Rhoose Social C 1; Sully Sports A 1, Penarth Cons B 4; Cadoxton Cons A 3, West End B 2; Wyndham Cons D 2, Harbour A 3; Services Social B 3, West End A 2.

League table: Savoy B 79, Rhoose Social C 75, Cadoxton Cons A 72, Penarth Cons B 72, *Services Social B 70, Market Street C 67, Wyndham Cons D 63, Harbour A 56, West End A 52, Sully Sports A 48, West End B 39 (* = points deducted).

View all results and league tables at barryleagues.co.uk.

JW

Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

THE ASRS Cup Final at Jenner Park saw AFC Rhoose win the league's oldest competition with a 2-0 victory over Island Marine.

An own goal and then Ben Murphy with the decisive goal to ensure the trophy.

In the SWFA Intermediate Cup, Holton Road and Tynewydd made it an all-Barry final. Holton Road came back from two goals down to defeat Royal Oak FC from the Aberdare league 3-2 while Tynewydd FC saw off New Inn FC from the Rhondda 3-1.

In league action in Division Two, leaders AFC Rhoose B squeezed past Island Marine B 2-1, while St Athan B edged to a 3-2 win over Penarth Town B, and Barry Vikings suffered a shock loss to Vale Madrid, a result that lifts the latter off the foot of the table.

The results see Rhoose B on the precipice of clinching the title; a victory or draw this week would seal the championship.

In Division One, Cadoxton Imps will have a wait for official confirmation of their coronation after slipping to their first league defeat in seven games, 3-2 against Cogan Coronation. Imps will have to wait two weeks until Tynewydd play their final game although it would require a 12 goal swing for Tynewydd to unseat Imps in second.

Cogan themselves can still finish third if they win their final game and Tynewydd slip up. Elsewhere, Cadoxton Barry got back to winning ways in style with a 6-2 win over bottom side SP Billy.

HD

On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

OGMORE-BY-SEA'S Christian Williams had plenty to smile about at Warwick races on Wednesday, April 10.

He brought off an 89-1 double and Pembrokeshire's James Bowen rode both winners.

The first leg of the double came when six-year-old *Fifty Shades*, a 5-1 shot, took the handicap chase by a length from *The Last Bridge*, partnered by champion jockey Richard Johnson.

Fifty Shades' stable-companion *Conas Taoi* finished a further one-and-a-quarter lengths back in third place.

Then, in the closing Mares' Handicap Hurdle, 14-1 chance five-year-old *Lace Bonnet* won by half-a-length from the lowly-weighted *Infiniti* making it a memorable occasion for both trainer and rider.

TUDOR IS HOPING TO REIGN

MERTHYR Mawr's Jack Tudor, 16, who was badly injured in a fall at the beginning of the season, is hoping he can win the national point-to-point novice riders' championship and a hat-trick at the Llangeinor and Pentyrch Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases held at the Dunraven Stud, Llanmihangel Farm, Pyle on April 13 has given him the confidence that the title is within his grasp.

The first of Jack's wins was on David Brace's nine-year-old brown gelding *Robin Des People* in the novice rider's race which finished alone after solitary rival and the odds-on favourite *Sir Du Bearn* broke a leg and had to be put down.

Jack's second winner was in the Dunraven Bowl Men's Open race when Mr Brace's *Pink Eyed Pedro*, an even money favourite, jumped ahead of *NorthGeorge* at the second last fence to win by three lengths.

NorthGeorge, as it happens, is trained by Jack's father Jonathan Tudor for Mr Steve Young and Jonathan must surely have been watching the race with mixed emotions!

Jack's third winner of the day came in the restricted when the eight-year-old grey mare *Welliemix* led at the second last fence to score by two lengths from *Design Plan*.

Welliemix, who had lost her maiden tag at the corresponding meeting last year, clocked a time which was 35 seconds faster than she had clocked on that occasion when partnered by Welsh champion Bradley Gibbs.

Gibbs from Ynysbwl only rode one winner this time but it was a notable one as it was his 150th. He has also ridden eight hunter-chase winners.

His win on this occasion was in the three-horse farmers' race when riding the odds-on favourite for David Brace *OBE*. He led almost throughout to score by eight lengths from Jack Tudor's mount *Desert Roe*.

Another horse that made most of the running was Jason Warner's five-year-old chesnut gelding *French Piece* who, ridden by Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft, won the open maiden over two-and-a-half miles by two lengths from Miss Rhian Howells' *Caveat Emptor*, ridden by Wayne Maskill.

French Piece is also trained by Moorcroft who said: "He's not an easy horse to train as he will try to kick and bite you. He's a nightmare really." Mr Warner from the Cotswold country added: "This horse could be something special."

Moorcroft, on the blinkered and best turned out eight-year-old bay gelding *Holy Water*, for Natasha Woodington and trainer Luke Price, made it a double when coming home a 10 lengths winner of the open maiden race.

David Brace made it a training four-timer when his prolific 12-year-old *William Money* came home a distance in front of *Ruperra Tom* in the three-horse ladies' open race.

William Money was ridden by west Wales champion rider Jodie Hughes from Pembrokeshire who told me: "I didn't realise how far we were in front. We both enjoyed the race and he jumped very cleverly."

Henry Pugh, aged 12, won the 148cms & Under Novice Riders Pony Race after his sole rival *Miss Dolly*, ridden by Harry Llewellyn, slipped up on the bend.

Henry said: "This is my second winner but my first on *Heavenly Rose*."

Jack Osborne, aged 15 from Chepstow, who has no horsey background at all, chalked up his eighth win on his 14-year-old *Stretcholt Hermes* in the Open Pony Race and Daniel Ellis, aged 14, rode a well-judged race on *O'Flynn's Daughter* to take the 148cms & Under Open Pony Race.

GLAMORGAN HUNT POINT-TO-POINT

RACEGOERS heading for the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point at Bonvilston on Saturday should set off earlier than usual as there are a lot of road works going on in the area.

The first race takes place at 2pm.

RISK A FINE DENIES MASTER BAKER

A 10-YEAR-old horse called *Risk A Fine*, trained at Pyle near Bridgend by Gareth Moore, landed the hunter chase at Stratford on Sunday and in doing so denied the runner-up *Master Baker* of a four-timer.

Risk A Fine, a winner of a similar event 17 days earlier, was ridden by James King and was returned at odds of 100-30.

Pembrokeshire's Rebecca Curtis made the 194 mile trip to Stratford with two horses and the both of them, ridden by champion jockey Richard Johnson, won.

Her *Minella Bobo* won the novices' hurdle by 18 lengths from the Evan Williams-trained *Mac Amara,* and her *Legends Gold* was an eight lengths winner of the Mare's Handicap Hurdle.

At Wincanton, Evan Williams' stable jockey Adam Wedge won the opening novices' hurdle on 20-1 chance *Highly Prized* for Emma Lavelle, Sean Bowen took the handicap hurdle on 10-1 chance and top-weighted *Serosevsky* and Lorcan Williams the National Hunt flat race on the Paul Nicholls-trained *Eritage*, getting home by a head from the favourite *Perfect Predator*.

Old Hall Bridge Club results

THE results for Old Hall Bridge Club for Wednesday, April 10 are:

First, Helen Barrie and Penny Jarvis; second, Diana Kendrick and Marjorie Morgan.

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Golfers face a chilly wind!

ST Mary's Golf Club's senior section began their week with a Two Division Stableford competition.

The field of 29 were grateful for a respite from the rain, but sweaters and jackets were needed to protect against the chill wind.

In the less than pleasant conditions scoring was modest with only one player breaking the par of 36 points.

Showing a clean pair of heels to all of his fellow members, former paramedic Trevor Evans took the Division Two title with a splendid six better than par score of 41 points, resulting in the handicap secretary swiftly reaching for his abacus.

Division Two runner-up was section captain Dave Hughes, seven shots back on 34 points.

In Division One (for lower handicaps), two players tied on 35 points, but after a back nine count-back, Ray Stacey was awarded the victory with Gareth Thomes placed second. Twos were scored by Paul Jordan and Hugh Williams on the difficult 10th hole (Alcatraz) and Doug Mein bagged another on the seventh.

In their second competition of the week, 22 members teed off in bright, but cool conditions for a team stroke play Texas Scramble.

Low scores are to be expected in this format, but at the end of the day, two teams were tied on an unremarkable nett 64.

Following a count-back, Dave Hughes, Jeff Perkins and Mervyn Shellibeer took the top honours leaving Gordon Martin, Gordon Campbell and Bob Coombes to settle for second place.

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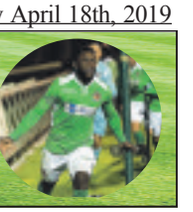

Cowbridge RFC stay on course for promotion after impressive win

COWBRIDGE RFC played Pentyrch last Saturday under blue skies but with a definite nip in the air and produced another high-scoring win.

In the opening minutes outside half Gareth Williams-Davies put a penalty deep into Pentyrch's 22. From the line out, Reuben Tucker at No 8 made ground, it was taken on by second row Sam Richards who drove over the line. Richards added the extras with a clever low kick into the wind.

After a period of Pentyrch pressure, Tucker drove out of Cowbridge 22's and passed to centre Ash Thomas who made another 15 metres, but then Pentyrch got the ball and kicked on, for their inside centre to collect and break clear.

A try seemed on the cards but centre and captain Huw Lougher brought him down from behind with a superb tackle. A counter-attack involving Tucker, hooker Craig Boxall and second row James Bennett took play into the Pentyrch 22 but Bennett was injured and came to the sidelines, Aaron Bowman taking over.

Pentrych were posting warnings of their own with only the final pass letting them down. Josh Thomas at full back produced a piece of magic, standing his player up and then beating him and another, but the final pass didn't match what went before.

On 30 minutes another worrying injury saw Tucker leave the field and Ryan Hall race on. Williams-Davies was orchestrating attacks and Ash Thomas was breaking through almost at will but no there was no end product until, with just four minutes to half-time, after runs involving wing Adam Dix, Hall, Boxall and Williams-Davies, Richards got over for his second try and half-time came with a score 12-0.

Early in the second half, only superb work in countering Pentyrch's drive by the pack, most prominently Dan Holder, Tom Evans, Boxall and prop George Thomas, prevented a score. Pentyrch were nearly clear again through their No 8, but a heavy tackle in midfield by Hall saw the ball run loose; Dix got onto it and then out to Williams-Davies to score under the posts, with Richards converting.

Dix left the field and Zac Summerhayes came on. Pentyrch scored next with good work initially by the outside half, and on to their wing for a converted try, but then everything started to go Cowbridge's way, with Rhydian Williams scooping up a stray pass and going under the posts, Josh Thomas converting.

There were more problems as Richards left the field with a knock and Dai Breed took over. Another Hall tackle dislodged the ball, Ash Thomas kicked on and Summerhayes gathered it to dab down.

Ash Thomas then made yet another break, kicked ahead and the ball bounced up for Rhydian to get his second try which Josh converted.

Rhydian then came off and Will Williams entered the fray and minutes later he was on the scoreboard after a kick ahead by Summerhayes, and then a pass inside to Williams, allowed him to run in from 30 metres.

Josh, who had fielded the ball securely from full back through the game, added the final points for a final score of 45-7 to Cowbridge.

Pentyrch were better than that scoreline but perhaps lacked some of the confidence that Cowbridge showed. Points went begging on both sides but while there were any number of good performances, in the loose Dan Holder, Tom Evans and George Thomas were exceptional and behind Ash Thomas caused any number of problems to the opposition. We are indebted to Pentyrch for a fine welcome both before and after the match.

Back at the clubhouse it was great to see Barry RFC players and committee buoyed by a fine away win at Heol y Cyw and now in with a good chance of securing promotion to Division 1 East Central.

On the Bank Holiday weekend family and friends of Tom Clarke will gather and raise a glass or two - it seems hard to believe that five years have passed.

Finally the players have done the town proud and given themselves a shot at second place, but there are three games to go and each presents a different obstacle.

We know what Pentyrch can do on the right day, Clwb Rygbi had a good result on Saturday and Cefn Coed are a proud club.

The support has been fantastic and we hope that will continue to push the boys over the line. This Saturday we take on Cefn, on Wednesday evening, April 24, we entertain Pentyrch again, and on April 27 our last game is against Clwb Rygbi, all are home fixtures.

RV/RK

Rising star Brooke lands gold medal!

WHAT a weekend it was for rising star Brooke Lewis, age 12, from Cowbridge Comprehensive School as she competed in the winter leagues of GB.

She jumped 128cm Rosie; they have only been together for four months and she rode her socks off in the ribbons all weekend, gaining a gold medal. This has been one of Brooke's goals since she started jumping four years ago, and we are all so proud of her for working so hard to get here.

Brooke is now looking forward to the year ahead with her two ponies, Boo (138cm) and Rosie (148cm) and her next goal is to hopefully jump for Wales on the 138 team in July. Brooke is hard-working and dedicated, showing incredible determination.

A big thank you goes to Jenna Thomas of Cae Hamdden Equine for all the hard work she has put in with Brooke.

To find out more, follow Brooke on Instagram: @ *brooke_lewis_showjumping.*

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Llantwit Major AFC fall to defeat

LLANTWIT Major AFC travelled to Ammanford to play the return game, having only played the same opponents a few days earlier (see match report on page 39).

It was always going to be difficult playing the same opponents in such a short space of time and it proved to be.

Ammanford made a fine start and Jack Lansdown in the Llantwit goal had to make a save as early as the fourth minute when he dealt with a shot from their left winger. Llantwit were holding their own against an attack-minded Ammanford and were unlucky not to score in the 31st minute when a cross into the Ammanford goal area was met at the far post by defender Sean Williams.

He headed the ball back into the centre of the goal and from eight yards out Kyran Gardner's header had to be tipped over the crossbar by the Ammanford keeper for a fine save.

A few minutes later the game turned completely for Llantwit when a flare up between the players following a tackle by midfielder Nathan Jones on an Ammanford player resulted in Llantwit's Nathan Jones and Jonathan Butler being sent off, along with the Ammanford left back and two other Ammanford players receiving yellow cards. Ammanford immediately tried to take advantage of their one-man advantage and put Llantwit under some pressure and Jack Lansdowne in the Llantwit goal again had to make another fine save just before half-time to deny Ammanford the lead.

Ammanford immediately began the second half on the attack and again Jack Lansdown was called upon to make another fine save in the 52nd minute when he tipped a shot from the Ammanford midfielder over the crossbar from around 25 yards out.

Josh Jones dribbles through Ammanford's defence.

Five minutes later Llantwit conceded when they were caught out when a long ball out of defence from Ammanford down to their right winger saw him pass inside to his colleague to place a right-footed shot from around 15 yards out into the far corner of the net.

Although Llantwit tried to create a goalscoring opportunity themselves, their only chance was when they had a strong appeal for a penalty turned away midway through the second half when Josh Jones was blocked as he went past the defender just inside the Ammanford goal area.

However, it was not to be Llantwit's day as they conceded a second goal in the 85th minute when they did not deal with a ball put into their goal area and the Ammanford striker was allowed to shoot home from around six yards out.

This was a disappointing result for Llantwit, having two players sent off not helping matters, and they remain in sixth position in the league table.

Llantwit now have only two League games left to play for this season which are both at home, starting with Briton Ferry at Windmill Lane on Saturday, April 20 followed by Haverfordwest on Saturday, April 27, kick off 2.30pm.

Llantwit Major: Jack Lansdown, Jonathan Fletcher, Sean Williams, Darren Robinson (c), Connor Goldsworthy, Kristian Smith (Ben Cripps 83), Nathan Jones, Jonathan Butler, Rob Jones (Nathan Renfree 68), Kyran Gardner (Josh Jones 76), Anthony Rawlings.

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Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, April 9, in one of the close matches of the evening, the Hairy Farmers beat the Edmondes C 5-4 by winning the last doubles match of the evening.

In the other, the Victoria Inn lost to the One Town Hall Square by the same score.

The Farmers Arms beat the Red Lion Inn 9-0 in a match that was much closer than the score line suggests. Llanharry did not field a team and so the Edmondes A were awarded the nine points.

This will most likely ensure they end in third place – assuming they can pick up more than three points in their last two games.

The Highwayman played the Edmondes B in their extra games, with the Edmondes B coming out on top 7-2.

They play each other again in their next league match; a match that will most likely confirm who is going to be the champions.

Present league standings after 18 weeks are: Edmondes B (119 points), Highwayman Inn (105), Edmondes A (88), Farmers Arms (82), Llanharry (76), Victoria Inn (72), Hairy Farmers (69), One Town Hall Square (56), Edmondes C (50) and Red Lion Inn (21).

Next week, Tuesday April 23, because of the Easter Holidays no games are scheduled.

For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

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